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"Please donate a pint" is what the chests of Dave Leslie, Vic Renzella, Chuck Crumb and Greg Stewart, Dracula's cheerleaders, say. Buddy Blood Drop Jr., Scott Urquhart, and Belinda Rose, wearing the words, "I could be your type," and Dracula, Lui Greco, all first-year law and security students, section 1, urge everyone to donate blood at the clinic today in the Mackenzie building gym until 3 p.m.

Photo by Marilyn Walkington

TODAY

Give blood

Today you have a chance to give an early, special Christmas gift, without spending a dime. The Student Administrative Council's annual Blood Donor Clinic runs until 3 p.m. in the gymnasium on the Welland campus.

If you're the type of Christmas giver that prefers the last minute approach to giving gifts, mobile clinics are available around the region throughout December to donate blood. Information is available from the Hamilton Red Cross Society.

The Niagara Region seems to have "benefited by the shortage in Toronto," Anne Gallagher, clinic co-ordinator for the Hamilton branch, said. 'Because of the media coverage we seem to be well above our quota."

Last week, the Toronto Red Cross issued an appeal for blood due to its blood bank shortage. They were able to reach their goal of 1,000 units of blood a day for 10 days in the Ontario region, Pali Ruterellie, manager of Volunteer Resources for the Toronto branch, said. The appeal is over but there is always a continuous need for blood.

Mrs. Gallagher said, "(different Red Cross branches) help each other. If we're able to help out other centres and we know they're going to be short, we try to stalk up by appealing to the media (to advertise)."

The need for blood is "an ongoing problem, (for example) the Niagara Region is still short of 0 negative and 0 positive blood. The supply is getting low," Mrs. Gallagher said.

There should be "no qualms in giving blood" for fear of contracting AIDS. Extensive care is given for the 29 area hospitals serviced by the Hamilton Red Cross. All materials used to collect blood are new, sterile, and disposable. New equipment is used on a different donor each time.

After the blood is donated, within two hours it is transported to the Hamilton laboratories. The donated blood goes through a variety of testing, some specifically for the detection of AIDS and other infectious diseases. The blood is kept for a maximum of 35 days before it is disposed. Mrs. Gallagher said, "the hospital knows they're going to get a fair unit for issue."

Linda Brema, Welland branch manager, said all tests are being done, "because everything is possible to screen." To her knowledge, from completed surveys and tests, she said Canada is "one of the safest countries in the world."

Council of Regents

Chairman tours college

Richard Johnston, chief governor of Ontario's 23 community colleges, paid a multi-purpose visit to Niagara College Nov. 14.

Mr. Johnston, Council of Regents chairman, met with students, faculty, administration and support staff on campus as part of his provincewide tour to familiarize himself with his new position and introduce new projects.

After taking over the chairman's position last June, Mr. Johnston said he is "on a bit of a tour," including similar visits to all 23 campuses. His appointment follows his resignation as New Democratic MPP for Scarborough last year.

"My view is the council (of regents) must be trusted by the college system for it to do the system any good," Mr. Johnston, of Toronto, said. He intends to "get a solid feel of the colleges" during the tour mainly intended as practical initiation to his new seat.

"I need to get a focus on the whole college system," he added.

Thursday's meeting included talks with both faculty and support staff union negotiating committee members. Although disputed contract issues were "touched on" during the meetings with the two unions, whose members are still working (since August 31) without a contract, Mr. Johnston said issues were "not directly" discussed.

However, the visit was not all exploratory and diplomatic. Mr. Johnston proposes a number of specific, universal projects aimed at all Ontario colleges, including establishing a standard system of accreditation, establishing college programs equivalence standards and establishing a sexual harrassment review board for colleges.

Mr. Johnston replaces Charles Pascal, who is deputy minister in charge of the Premier's Council on Health, Well-Being and Social Justice.

David Bessey, left, chairman of the Niagara College Board of Governors, talks shop in Hennepin Hall with Ontario's top college governor, Richard Johnston, chairman of the Council of Regents, who was welcomed for a one-day visit to meet with college groups last week.

Photo by Doug Morton

Support staff go for it

Niagara College support staff voted 78.5 per cent in favor of the final offer on Nov. 14, giving them a new one-year contract.

After negotiations which began early in May, the 3.5 per cent combined wages and benefits package was accepted by 110 out of 140 members who voted. There were 191 eligible voters.

The offer was also accepted by 73.2 per cent of support staff provincewide.

Because the contract's duration has been shortened to one year from two previously, Meg Rose, president of local 243 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, said negotiations will begin in January to face issues relevant to the next contract, due to expire Aug. 31, 1992.

"Knowing what the times are . . . being realistic . . . we took it," Ms. Rose said of the union's ratification of the contract, adding, "we knew there was nothing more to bargain for."

Ms. Rose said she is pleased the long, hard process is finally settled. "We can only sit and watch what happens with the teachers," she said.

OPSEU Local 242, the Niagara College instructors' union, is still at the bargaining table with management negotiating teams. Offered 3.5 per cent combined package increase also, negotiators have yet to call for a vote.

Instructor hopes donation helps

By CATHY WATT
Staff Writer

Through his recent donation, Niagara College technology instructor Gordon Chen hopes he can help a Saskatchewan school keep its doors open.

Dr. Chen learned of the problems facing Carl Frederickson School in Govan, Sask., from a CBC news report aired in September. As a gesture of his admiration and support, he sent some electronic equipment to the small rural school. The equipment, which he collected when his children were in school, included solar cells, toy motors and earphones.

"I give credit to those struggling to make a good future for young people ... they deserve a good pat on the back," he said.

Ian Kelln, principal of Carl Frederickson School, said the school was facing closure of Grades 10 through 12 because of declining enrolment. When the community took the Last Mountain School Division to court to battle for the school's survival, the case generated media interest.

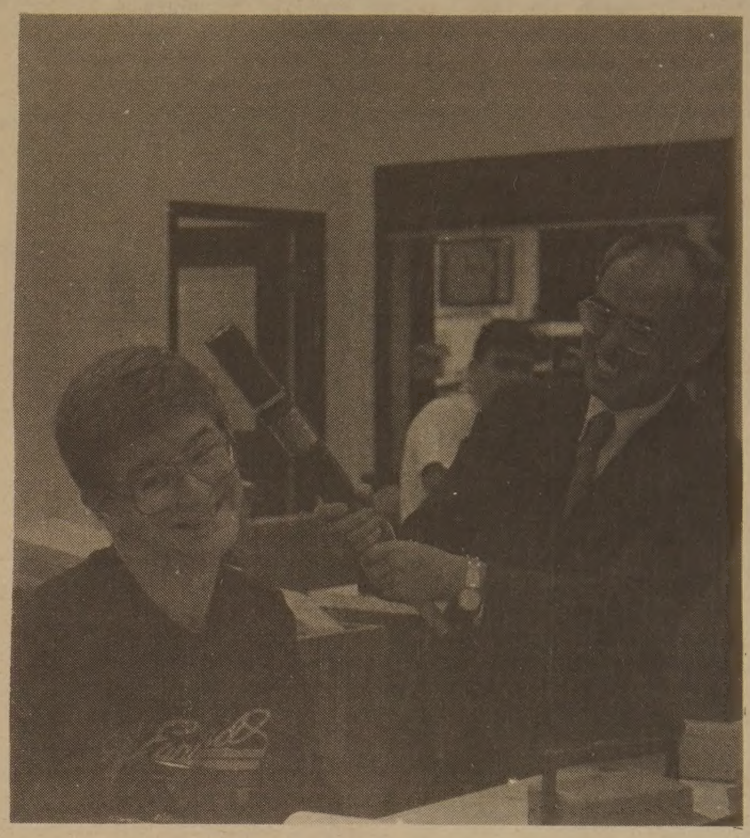
"We received support from other communities in the area facing similar problems. It (the case) began a network to lobby the provincial government to deal with education in Saskatchewan's rural communities," he said during a telephone interview last week.

Mr. Kelln said the school is grateful for Dr. Chen's donation. He has given the equipment to the science teacher for possible use at the students' science fair.

Govan, Sask., located 100 kilometres north of Regina, has 350 residents. The school has a total enrolment of 92 students from kindergarten to Grade 12 and a teaching staff of six.

Dr. Chen said he hopes his donation helps to promote national unity, a way of bringing eastern and western Canada together. "It gave me the opportunity to say "I'm a Canadian, you're Canadian." He said our schools are rich in comparison to those in the west, and that Saskatchewan's educational budget may be less than one-tenth of Ontario's.

"I hope to generate the interest of Ontario college people ... there may be library materials or computers we can donate."



Gordon Chen, Niagara College technology instructor, teases Tim Sands, a first-year electronic technician student, who grins and bears his punishment during a break in electrical lab work.

Photo by Cathy Watt

If you're over 50, this club's for you

The Half Century Club is sending out an invitation to all Niagara College staff born between 1932 and 1941, to attend an evening at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre on Monday, Nov. 25, at 6 p.m. for a reception and dinner.

The Half Century Club was formed three years ago when 22 staff members-50 years of age and over-held a celebration dinner at the Rainbow Hotel Centre.

John Saso, president of Niagara College, will be the guest speaker at the event. Larry Taylor, director of the Applied Arts division and co-ordinator of the Broadcast, Radio, Television and Film program, will act as master of ceremonies and will assist Mr. Saso with the presentations.

Cost for the reception and dinner is $25. For reservations or information call Barbara Fonfara, or Huguette Game, at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre at 1-416-374-7454.

Bessey chairs final meeting

David Bessey led his final meeting as chairman of the Niagara College Board of Governors Nov. 14 in Hennepin Hall after serving on the board six years, one as chairman.

Although his term officially ends in December, Mr. Bessey intends to continue his responsibilities to the college. His recent business investment in Phoenix, Ariz. caused him to move there during October. "I'll stay involved with the college by phone or by fax," he said at the board meeting.

Mr. Bessey, of St. Catharines, is the first Niagara College alumni to become board chairman. He graduated from the Construction Technician program in 1972 and formed Taro Bescot Construction Inc., St. Catharines.

After selling his business, Mr. Bessey relocated to Phoenix. His wife and two children will move in June.

"I'll miss you all," he said, addressing the board members at the meeting's conclusion. "The time has gone so fast . . . I can only describe it as a total enrichment of my life."

"I feel it apropos that my term-end,as well as my move to Phoenix, are coincidental. I'm sorry to be going," he concluded.

Bernard Baril, board vice-chairman, will move to the chairman's seat. A nominating committee will present proposals for new board placements at the board's January meeting.

"He (Mr. Bessey) showed great leadership in a difficult time that included tremendous growth for the college," Mr. Baril said.

Niagara takes third place

Microelectronics display zaps 'em

By CATHY WATT
Staff Writer

Niagara College's International Society of Hybrid Microelectronics student chapter took third place for their display at the annual conference held in Orlando, Fla. from Oct. 19 to Oct. 23.

Bob Holder, vice-president of the student chapter, and student members Les Novak, Sean Purcell, Tom Kozak and Deitrich Sider attended the conference competing against colleges and universities from around the world.

Mr. Holder said there are 20 student chapters worldwide—the college's chapter is the only one in Canada.

The display featured student projects, including Mr. Novak's high speed fiberoptic receiver, and photographs illustrating the college's lab facilities. To promote the college's technology programs, the students offered free Niagara College souvenirs and pamphlets to visitors.

Display winners were judged by a panel of engineers, salesmen and educational chairmen from Florida universities.

The International Society of Hybrid Microelectronics is a non-profit professional society with 6,000 members in 55 regular and student chapters. The society's objectives are to provide an exchange of knowledge within the field of microelectronics and maintain standards of scientific and engineering disciplines in related industries.

At the conference, companies from Canada and the United States set up displays to introduce new products and present technical papers on the microelectronic industry. Mr. Holder said about 7,500 people attended, including visitors from Japan, Hungary and Budapest.

Bob Holder, vice-president of the International Hybrid Microelectronics student chapter, shows off Niagara College's prize-winning display at a recent conference in Orlando, Fla.

Photo courtesy of ISHM student chapter

Donald Atwood, deputy secretary of defence for the United States, was the keynote luncheon speaker for the conference.

Mr. Atwood stopped at the college's booth and talked with the students. "The highlight of the conference was meeting Mr. Atwood," Mr. Holder said.

Richard Furbacher, microelectronics technology professor at the college and faculty advisor for the student chapter, has attended the conference with the students since 1985.

Mr. Furbacher said the college's display won first place in 1985 and 1986. He said he is already making plans to take first spot at the next competition in San Francisco. "We have a strategy in place to blow everyone away next year."

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers contributed $400 to sponsor three of their student members attending the event. The Hamilton section and the college's student branch donated $200 each for Mr. Holder, Mr. Kozak and Mr. Sider to help with trip expenses.

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ROCK TRIVIA QUIZ!!!!!!

Answer all five questions correctly and qualify to win fabulous prizes. How does dinner plus two free movie passes sound? If you think you have answered correctly, deposit your ballot in the boxes provided at After Hours and in the Mini Cafeteria.

1. What singer played professional soccer before starting a singing career?
2. What is the newest Rush CD called?
3. What group did Richie Sambora play for?
4. Why is Brian Adams new album not considered Canadian?
5. Who is Mr. Mojo Risin?

Last weeks winner was Ron Hoover/ J. Benninger.

Winners will be printed here nex wek. It is up to the winner to come down to the Radio and Television main office in the Voyager wing, to claim the prizes.

OSAP: 55% more Niagara College students receiving financial aid for '91-'92 academic year

The Ontario Student Assistance Program is at an all-time high at Niagara College, with an increase of 55 per cent more students receiving financial aid this year than in 1990.

Elaine Spark, financial aid officer, said 2,261 applications for OSAP have been processed to date; the total number of applications processed last year was 1,650.

Ms. Spark said she projects at least 2,500 to 2,600 applications will be processed by the end of this year.

She said the present job situation is a major contributor to the increase in OSAP.

"A lot of students who were not able to get into the job market elected to pursue their education."

The unemployment rate and the decrease in hours of working parents were influencing factors in the increase, Ms. Spark said.

"There is an impact because of the economic situation."

MORE APPEALS

There have been a lot more appeals and an "incredible" increase in fee deferrals this year, Ms. Spark said.

"More students are appealing their student contributions because of the lack of summer employment."

Ms. Spark said there has never been an increase this great in OSAP in previous years. "This is a very unique year."

She said she heard the increase is occurring across the province, but had no statistics.

Emergency loans, which are given for short periods of time, have increased this year.

This type of loan which is used for a short-term emergency is "designed to bridge a small period of time while (students) are waiting to receive their OSAP loans," Ms. Spark said.

Emergency loans have never been drawn on in the past as much as they have this year, she said.

A new full-time position was created "based on the previous year's activities" to help handle OSAP applications.

Dianne Oster assumed her position as financial aid clerk in mid-September, making a total of two full-time clerks and one part-time clerk (in addition to Ms. Spark) who handle OSAP applications.

GETS SUPPORT

"Administration has recognized the activity in this area and have been very supportive in providing the clerical staff we have," said Ms. Spark.

Asked if she forsees the increase as continuing in the next few years, Ms. Spark said, "I don't see the increase continuing because of the poor economic situation; I see it increasing because of the college being pro-active in marketing."

Ms. Spark said a continued increase in OSAP depends on the federal government.

On the average, the majority of students who apply for OSAP are eligible to receive it, said Ms. Spark.

Of 2,500 applications, about 200 students would not be awarded OSAP, she said.

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News from Board of Governors

The Niagara College Board of Governors dealt with a number of issues at the meeting held in the Hennepin Hall Boardroom Nov. 14. David Bessey chaired his last governor's meeting after six years with the board.

Mr. Bessey announced the budget deficit has grown to $1.9-million, but added the figure is on the projected target.

A nominating committee is slated to make recommendations to the board at its annual meeting in January for new appointments including chairmen for the standing committees and replacement for outgoing board chairman David Bessey. At least one new board member must be a former Niagara College student.

Senior citizens of Niagara may become senior students at the college. President John Saso said recent meetings with Doug Rapelje, director of the Regional Niagara Senior Citizens Department, were aimed at co-operative efforts in geriatrics.

Mentors, student mentors that is, will now be trained at the college. David Schleich, vice-president academics, said the Adults Certificate program will include courses specifically designed to train the student mentor.

Micro-electronics may soon become a new program, Mr. Schleich said, after the college was represented at a recent hybrid micro-electronics conference in Florida Oct. 30 that included the technology programs.

Another program, dental hygiene, should return as planned for fall classes next year.

Praise for all college students and faculty was given by President Saso for their participation in the Niagara College production of municipal election coverage on Cable 10 Nov. 12.

Special needs for women in technology programs will be studied, Carol Boettcher, vicepresident human resources and student life, said, because women represent a minority of technology students.

An information desk at the office for the Director of Marketing and Communications Lynn Rousseau is fulfilling its purpose perfectly, and then some, she said. Up to 200 people a week now approach the desk, located at the front door of Hennepin Hall, for general information. The old office, located upstairs in the library, made finding the office and communicating with them difficult.

Women interested in carpentry and skilled trade in general have attended orientation seminars sponsored by the college Ventures office. To date, over 20 interested women have attended.

English as a Second Language program students have been quitting the Niagara College program in favor of the much cheaper courses offered at Brock University, Brigitta Verbraeken, student governor, said. Brock's rates are about 50 per cent less expensive.

Fashion entrants in decline

Delegation makes proposals

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Board of Governors heard of enrolment problems in the Fashion Arts program as voiced by the program's co-ordinator, an instructor and students during the Nov. 12 board meeting.

"The numbers are alarming," David Schleich, vice-president academics, said, referring to the low enrolment levels in fashion arts, following the presentation.

Larry Taylor, director of the applied arts division introduced the fashion arts delegation, who presented their plans to address the situation. Chief among them, to attract more entrants, were plans to open the program to general college students, to include desktop advertising publishing in the program and to create articulation agreements with local high schools and technical institutes, Joan Davies, program co-ordinator, said.

Enrolment and financial figures to indicate the degree of the problems faced by fashion arts were not available to the press.

Fashion Arts instructor Eileen Muir added "a proposal is coming" to join forces with the Journalism/Print program, possibly in the form of computer labs.

The program focuses on fashion buying, merchandising and accessories design as well as creative advertising and promotions.

Mrs. Davies wants a name change for the program. She said fashion arts is misleading to students who approach the program for entry expecting to actually create fashion clothing. The articulation with high schools should assist prospective entries to clarify their goals as well as attract many new students, she explained.

Another propsal to attract new students was a suggestion to work more closely with continuing education to bring mature students into the program.

Mrs. Muir said the program enrolment would grow if efforts concentrated on developing the desktop publishing aspect of the program, specifically, advertising publishing.

Fashion arts graduates train to buy, sell, consult, merchandise and advertise in fashion in the retail and wholesale fashion industry.

$1,900 raised for college & FACS

Larry Taylor, director of applied arts, and Elaine Sparks, financial aid officer, accept two cheques worth $900 from Christine Berhout, office administration co-ordinator and chapter president of Professional Secretaries International.
Photo by Diana Harris

A total of $1,900 in funds raised by the Welland chapter of Professional Secretaries International recent dinner and fashion show was presented to Family and Children's Services Summer Smiles Program and the Niagara College Scholarship Fund last week.

Acting on behalf of Niagara College, Larry Taylor, director of applied arts, and Elaine Spark, financial aid officer, accepted two cheques worth $900 from Christine Berkhout, office administration co-ordinator and chapter president of Professional Secretaries International. Part of the scholarship donations will be used for a new bursary fund in the Office Administration programs.

Ann Godfrey, public relations co-ordinator for Family and Children's Services, accepted a $1,000 donation for the Summer Smiles Program. The program operates in the Niagara Region during July and August for four to 12 year olds. "The program is an enriching experience for children who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to go to a camp."

Christine Berkhout, office administration co-ordinator, presents a $1,000 cheque to Ann Godfrey, public relations co-ordinator for Family and Children's Services.
Photo by Diana Harris

Editorials

Embarrassing turnout

Lambert live delivers

Don't read beyond this point if you've attended Student Administrative Council activities or participated in any SAC events.

We attended a hilarious performance last Wednesday at After Hours. Bob Lambert, comedian and musician, put on a show which the audience could get right into — if there was an audience. About 30 people showed up for his performance.

On behalf of Niagara College, it was embarrassing. Students were playing pool and cards while he was performing. Mr. Lambert mentioned how rude the behavior was, but kept playing despite the students' ignorance.

SAC made the effort to have Mr. Lambert perform after school, in order for students to attend after class, instead of coming back to school at night. The show was definitely worth seeing. Those who attended Bob Lambert Live had a great time and a few hearty laughs.

SAC organizes low cost activities because we, the students, cannot afford extravagant outings. This particular event was FREE OF CHARGE, thanks to SAC.

So, for all those students who complain about SAC activities and don't attend what is available, get off your rears and participate. SAC's efforts are wasted on you.

Katherine Towne

Too important to quit

As we head into the final stretch of this term, many of us must face final examinations. For many, it will be a piece of cake, but for others it will be a close finish. It's the time of the year when many are discouraged and turned off by school and want to just throw it away. But you shouldn't.

No matter what your situation is you must not give up. An education these days is very important. We, as students of Niagara College, should feel lucky and proud of ourselves.

It is people like us who can and who do make a difference. We are the ones getting an education. Though school is something not everyone can handle, there are those who sit back and let us try solving the many problems we face every day.

Sure, there will be times when things seem impossible. There will be times when you feel it's hopeless and want to quit, but don't. By all means, stay in school. You may change your mind once or twice about a program and what it is you really want to do, but think of how great you will feel down the road when you're holding that graduation diploma. Think of how you will feel when you're out in the work force because you stuck with it or because you roughed it out and worked hard.

School is no joke. Don't let it slide. Make the best of it while you're here. Don't get discouraged. Remember, there's campus life outside the classroom as well. Get involved now because once you leave, you may never return and you may regret it when looking back in the future.

Joel Naphin

Letters to the Editor

Where have you been?

Dear Editor:

As a student for the past three years at Niagara College, as well as being a member of the Student Administration Council, I have seen many arguments of this school's spirit. Every year students come to school the first couple of weeks and participate in the events which are planned. For example, the first two Thursday's this year 'After Hours' had more than 300 people in the pub. Have you gone there lately? Last week we had an overly crowded pub with at least 25 people in attendance!

So what do we do about this? BLAME SAC! After all SAC (comprised of six) students should be completely responsible for the spirit of over 4,000 students which attend this school. In case you were wondering SAC is an elected position. Guess what else the students are responsible for? Yes, the voting in this election! Again the participation in the voting was pathetic as usual.

Each and everyone of the students who voted last year has a right to criticize SAC if you feel they could do a better job. I agree this years SAC could be improved a lot, but last year during my period of time on SAC I could have done a lot more for the students. But I put the challenge to anybody else who feels they could do a better job. Run for SAC next year, plan an event and see how your esteem is when you put in hours of work and 10-25 people show up. It would be an easy job and an enjoyable job if students would take part in activites.

Niagara College is an excellent educational institution, and has great potential to be a social focal point. It only takes participation from the students. So next time you complain about the spirit, participation and enthusiam of Niagara College students, ask yourself when you were at a school event last.

Yours truly:
Shane Forsyth
V.P. Social Affairs 90/91

P.S. "Ask not what your school can do for you, but what you can do for your school!!"

Take time to recycle

Dear Editor:

A couple of issues ago (Niagara News, Oct. 25, 1991) there appeared an editorial regarding the lack of effort on the college's part concerning environmental policies. The purpose of this letter is to ask the student body et al. to read and pay attention to the policies in force at the various recycling stations located throughout the college.

This morning I emptied milk cartons, candy wrappers and coffee cups from the newspaper recycling bins into a garbage can located a few steps away. It only takes a few seconds to think about where to put your garbage. The recycling policies (separate bins for fine paper, cans and bottles and newspaper) are there because the recycling firm that retrieves the material stipulates this.

It is important for us all to make Niagara's recycling plan work. Please read before you pitch.

Sue Bartlett
Learning Resource Centre
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Niagara congratulated

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, I am writing to express our heartfelt appreciation to the students of Niagara College for their enthusiastic participation in the 1991 Shinerama Campaign. We are particularly grateful for the hard work and dedication of campaign director, Dale Deloughery, who so generously donated his personal leadership over the course of the year to this highly successful, national endeavor.

Please extend our sincere gratitude to everyone involved in Shinerama at Niagara College.

Sincerely,
Cathleen Morrison
Executive Director

School spirit

Student vice-presidents voice concern

Dear Editor

This document is not in reply to any previous editorials. It is just an expression of the Student Administrative Council's concern about school spirit.

According to Webster's Dictionary: "School is an educational establishment" and "Spirit is the inspiring principle or dominant influence."

Niagara College is a dominant force in education and distinguised as being so, however we have been condemned as having no "school spirit". **Inspiring principle** is what is lacking at this establishment.

This year is a new and challenging experience for the members of SAC with the addition of After Hours and all we are receiving is criticism and ingratitude for all our efforts. Hasn't anyone heard of giving us some support? SAC at this point is suffering from discouragement, because of the lack of participation and inspiration from students. You can come out to any given event and you'll be guaranteed to find at the very least four SAC members present, however "School Spirit is not achieved by one or two students."

The amount of students that came out for the Rocky Horror Picture Show on Oct. 31 in kind terms, was pathetic! Those students who came to the festivities seemed to enjoy themselves. **Those students gave us support!**

What about the Daytona Trip giveaways? On Thursday, Nov. 7 After Hours started giving away FREE trips to Daytona Beach, however some people felt that a measly $1 was too pricey for a ticket and turned away and walked out.

Instead of supporting those "other" off-campus establishments who have no concern about your spirit except how much of it you drink and how much $$$$ they make, support YOUR Student Centre.

Sincerely Discouraged,
Student Administrative Council
Eric Hitchcock, Executive V.P.
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Retraction

On page eight of the Nov. 8, 1991 Niagara News in a story headlined Jo-Anne Armstrong was reported to be participating in the Co-op Ottawa trip. This is incorrect. We regret any inconvenience we may have caused by this error.

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Mind games

John G. McLoughlin, PhD (wearing glasses, upper right) gives a recreational mathematics seminar to educational resources and special needs students aptly named, recreational mathematics — a paradox to most, Nov. 15 in S101.

Photo by Mark Denis

Fact finder wrestles $$ dispute

After recent talks between faculty and management, negotiators settled many items toward renewing a contract for about 275 Niagara College instructors, both parties appointed a fact finder to help deal with the one main issue of disagreement remaining: salary.

Joan Hastings-Dove, president of local 242 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, said the latest offer is 3.5 per cent combined salary and benefits.

However, "this still leaves a great gap between that (the 3.5 per cent) and our position of catch-up," Ms. Hastings-Dove said. She said instructors wish to catch up in salary with other Ontario teachers, particularly elementary and secondary school teachers, who earn about $4,000 a year more than college instructors.

WANTS CATCH-UP

The union is asking for 5.6 per cent this year and 3.7 per cent next year as well as five per cent catch-up each year, during the next two years, according to a union bulletin.

The College Relations Commission, a government body formed to assist with contract disputes, appointed a fact finder, William Marcotte, to act independently and identify the positions of both parties before further negotiations continue.

Items of agreement reached after talks Oct. 30 and Oct. 31 included leave of absence for family reasons, parental leave and measures to take effect if further French colleges are established in Ontario.

Ms. Hastings-Dove stressed the fact finder appointment is not like an arbitrator but "a normal step along the road during negotiation proceedings."

"We won't be voting for a while ... not until we have a firm offer that should follow the fact finder's report," she added.

Dr. Marcotte led the group who gathered the comparitive figures, which are now a part of these negotiations.

New group forms

Organizers of the proposed Niagara College Mature or Non-Traditional Students Association have arranged its first formal meeting for Thursday, Nov. 28, at 12:30 in the Tecumseh Lounge across from the mini-cafeteria, Welland campus.

All non-traditional students are encouraged to attend. Arrangements for a guest speaker will be confirmed shortly.

The association's goal is to provide a listening ear and a helping hand for Niagara College students who have returned to school after spending time in the workforce or raising a family. Informational sessions were held Nov. 7 and 14 to informally discuss the services.

A memo listing specific examples of proposed services will be circulated to all program co-ordinators. Any student who is unable to attend the meeting can learn what assistance may be available for them through their co-ordinator, the Student Administrative Council office, or by inquiring at room S212.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION

A draft of a formal constitution has been nearly completed and will be submitted to SAC in hopes of receiving a grant to help cover start-up costs. A $5 membership fee will help cover expenses.

David Schleich, Niagara College vice-president academics, has worked with a similar organization at another Ontario College and said he believes it can be useful for students who often are not sure which way to turn when they need help. He believes it is important to define a mature student.

"The intention is to welcome those students, usually a little older than the average high school graduate," Mr. Schleich says. "Participation is welcomed and our intent is to include as many people as possible."

The association is to serve any student who has come to college after having been out of school for a few years, perhaps has accumulated some work experience, is looking to change profession or skill, may have a family or be a sole-support parent, or may be the recipient of some form of social assistance.

Debra Gilmore, co-ordinator, first year, in the Business Administration program, says she has received a positive response from the students in the program. "I think it's an excellent idea. I'm really glad to see it here now. It could only help to ensure the success of the students."

Ms. Gilmore says she has been at the college for eight years now and most faculty members have noticed an increase in the number of mature students enrolled. She adds they exert a positive influence on the younger students.

More letters to the Editor

Disagrees with memo

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to "From the Desk of Chris Smith" memorandum.

Mr. Smith is vice-president of athletics for the Niagara College Student Administrative Council and should speak and write accordingly. He is a college student, but after reading the memorandum, it is difficult to keep that in mind.

How are we to do what Mr. Smith suggests, take pride in our sports, when we can't even take pride in a memorandum — distributed to every Niagara College student — from the man partially in charge of organizing these sports?

Obviously, Mr. Smith was attempting to convey his frustration, but when that frustration extends over the entire student body, some delicacy must be taken. Being colloquial is fine in every day language, but this was entirely inappropriate. Always consider the audience.

There is a poor display of attendance at the games, but take into consideration this is a commuter's college as opposed to a community college.

Lynn Drapeau
Second-year Journalism-Print

Hit the beach

Dear Editor:

The Convention and Visitor's Bureau for the Daytona Beach Resort Area, is offering a free Official Guide to Spring Break '92 for college students.

Information on accomodations and events from February through April is also available.

Call 1-800-854-1234 or write P.O. Box 910, Daytona Beach, FL 32115.

Free film equipment

A total of $18,325 worth of film equipment, including a Steenbeck editor worth $15,000, was given to Niagara College for only the price of the sales tax.

Malca Gillson of Toronto, a previous employee of the National Film Board in Montreal, is retiring and wanted to give her equipment to a place where it would get used, Greg Darling, second- and third-year film instructor, said.

"It was either going to be us or the Canadian Institute of Advanced Studies in Toronto," he said. Because he worked with her in the past, Niagara College's needs prevailed.

The Steenbeck editor is a two picture, eight plate machine. The machine previously in use was only one picture, four plate. A few of the 17 new items are a synchronizer, tape splicer, editing table and rewind table. Some equipment is in place, but most is not. The wiring in the editing room has to be redone, and Mr. Darling said, "That may not happen for a couple of weeks."

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SAC OFFICE IN AFTER HOURS BUILDING

Profile : Peter Alsop

Fun parenting with a twist

By MARILYN WALKINGTON
Staff Writer

"I am a pizza."

What a way to greet a group of potential friends with whom you could share your knowledge and life experiences. And then to actually involve them with this ludicrous song in operatic voices, joining in without hesitation.

He delves deep into each imagination with the crucial ingredients of everybody's favorite food and how it's made.

The leader, Peter Alsop, guides the adult audience into a state of comfort where they feel free to let the child inside surface for two hours. Educators, parents, daycare teachers, and students come together in an elegant boardroom that quickly turns into a playroom with children-at-heart filled with joy and laughter.

Laughter

Mr. Alsop stands tall on a five-foot square stage leading the group with musical encouragement using his guitar and versatile (adult-childlike) voice to evoke laughter and tears.

This seemingly shy, reserved man comes to the stage, and a smile, one that seems to stretch 10 miles deep into his heart, brings out another side that catches the audience off guard. Tall and slender with greyish-brown hair and moustache, he wears grey pants, a light purple shirt, and a pink tie, a pink belt, and pink socks with running shoes to reflect his light-hearted style and friendly spirit.

Mr. Alsop has lectured and performed before audiences at over 300 colleges and universities, and at conferences for professional educators, medical professionals, business personnel and others in diverse fields.

The Ramada Renaissance Fallsview in Niagara Falls, Ont. was the site for two seminars themed of *Helping Kids Help Themselves* held Wednesday, Oct. 23 for an afternoon and evening session. An average of 180 people attended.

The people filling the room buzz with enthusiasm in anticipation for a session they know will exceed their expectations. Some know from past experience, others trust the words of their colleagues. Everyone seems to know each other.

Deja vu

Recognizing some of the faces from the afternoon session, Mr. Alsop approaches the stage with the same ease that comes from walking by a river with your best friend. Admitting that he does not have anything specific planned for this season, he explains his hope of sharing some helpful information.

His eyes focus through the souls of each participant, extracting common ground with "right on", "it's so true." Deja vu is present in every chuckle and every tear evoked from his words and music.

Young parents whisper in a friend's ear relating a personal situation, either a giggle or an "I know" is heard from the others in whisper range.

> *'Part of being good parents is looking back to where you came from.'*
>
> *Peter Alsop*

"It's hard to talk about painful things to kids especially when it's painful for us," is his first message after loosening up the "Pizza" lovers. The audience understands. So what can an adult do to help a child in these situations?

"Kids don't care what you know or what you do, kids just care if you can make silly sounds." Following a quick demonstration, the audience quickly develops the talent of zzzzing while singing—parenting takes on a whole new dimension.

He leads into his next song to demonstrate a way of dealing with disabilities with children by asking the audience if they eat the crumbs of the cookies when the cookies are all gone. Sparingly, hands go up as though they are admitting to a precious secret. Mr. Alsop brings that to their attention.

Singing

"It's not the shape of the cookie, it's what the cookie's made of," demonstrates a way of helping children understand disabilities and that "everyone has disabilities." How many of you have older brothers and sisters? Don't you wish they were better able to treat you better?

"I am a little cookie . . . made from the cookie man . . ." A smile on everyone's face shows the song clearly makes a whole new way to approach disabilities.

The audience joins in the simple chorus, claps their hands and with pleasure and nervousness, attempts the zzzzing for the chorus.

The laughter and light spirit easily transfers to tears and sadness, as Mr. Alsop's tone changes with tenderness.

"Part of being good parents is looking back from where you came from — how many of you have parents?" That question makes many think. And he finds another common ground in a silly sort of way.

Mr. Alsop opens up and comes down to the common ground of the audience by expressing his intention to share with the people he speaks with, not to tell them what to do. His purpose is to provide the information.

For example, by saying "when you do . . . I feel . . .", in the work environment, or at home provides the person with the information and the choice to use it. He admits to "still working on this stuff," since he also had to deal with a controlling parent.

"Part of being good parents is looking back to where you came from." In the same way there is a time to stop parenting there is also a time to stop "sonning and daughtering." Sensing that people want to know more he continues.

People won't stop being needy until they hit bottom. Sometimes you have to say, "This time you'll have to do this yourself . . . Bye (Mom), I love you."

Looking around the room, people's eyes water as they find the application, in some way, to their own life. "You can't set boundaries for yourself if we protect other's feelings." Usually if the person understands that you are doing it for their sake they'll call back and say "I did it."

That call makes it all worth it and if "we learn to do it with parents then we'll learn to do it with kids," the pattern will change and that's really the only way for each generation to get better.

Sharing

His song, *Love's a Lifeline that Pulls Us All Together*, touches everyone's heart, filling them with a new understanding of life and the aging process.

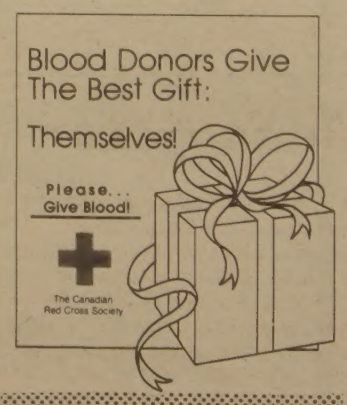
After sharing the experience of his grandmother's recent death, he says "we don't decide how to grieve, we discover it." It makes so much sense. ". . . can't find a reason why some of us may die. . . No one knows for sure . . ." The song about cows and bugs and their demise brings a lighter approach to an often complicated issue.

So much more is shared, it's so hard to leave. But the hour is closing and people have to take the information they learned home to share with the people they love.

It's nice to know that there is a way to use humor to guide us through our hectic, complicated lives. That it is possible to mold one generation a little more each time into a more positive self-guided one.

So . . . "Go to sleep you little creep . . . when you're asleep we love you best . . ." How true? You can answer that.

He hopes "this has been helpful to you." One last song with one last message . . . "Take a step, climb a mountain."



Lecturer, humorist gives fresh outlook

Each day there is someone with the ability to give you a new way of looking at life with its ups and downs. The adventure is in searching for that person to give you a fresh start.

One of those rare people is Peter Alsop, a lecturer and humorist who spends his days guiding parents and educators towards a better way of helping children through humor and music. He lives in Topanga, Calif. with his wife, actress/director Ellen Geer and their two daughters, Megan,15, and Willow, 10.

His quiet but comfortable nature balances his spirit that comes to life on the stage. Sensitive issues in today's society — disabilities, child abuse, sexuality, death — become easier to understand and easier to share with others through his seminars and many tapes, records, videotapes, and song books.

Mr. Alsop, 45, played base guitar in rock and roll bands while attending Columbia University's Teacher's College for his doctoral degree in educational psychology. After he realized "I can't keep hitching a wagon to someone else's stars," he began writing his own songs feeling "I had lots of things to say."

While singing in New York's Central Park, he noticed his humorous songs attracted more attention than the more serious ones. Sierra Records called him to sing children songs even though he had never thought about singing for that age group before.

"There is a child in everyone," he says and the humorous songs "help them to remember stuff, adult things." He was surprised to see "therapists were buying my tapes."

Mr. Alsop has taught public elementary school in the South Bronx ghetto, has worked as a director of Maine's Harbor Schools Residential Treatment Centre for emotionally disturbed adolescents, and his 1986 album, *Take Me With You*, won the Parent's Choice Award. In 1986, his album, *Wha'd'ya Wanna Do*, won the National Association of Independent Record Distributors and Manufacturers' Best Children's album award.

Mr. Alsop, relaxed in a way that makes it easy to listen and talk to him, said he has "no idea" if education will improve but "there's lots out there, but we have to take a look at our own stuff and clean it up first."

Following the seminar at the Ramada Renaissance Fallsview, most of the audience raced to buy Mr. Alsop's videotapes and records for future inspiration.

Carol Vormittag, a preschool educator at Niagara Falls YWCA, who attended his seminars and who bought one of his tapes said, "I wasn't going to come this evening because I had no energy to put into these poor old bones. I'll play this every time I need a boost. Now I can face another day."

Mentoring project designed to keep students in school

The newest of the Niagara Peninsula Industry Education Council's programs designed to reach across the barriers between local schools and the community, as well as contend with the growing problem of early school leavers, is the Onside Mentoring Project.

The purpose of the mentoring project is to address the issue of school retention at secondary school level, where there is a national dropout average of 30 per cent.

According to the recent King Report, for every 100 students who enter Grade 9 at the general level, only 40 leave high school with a Grade 12 diploma. Of those, only 10 go on to post-secondary education.

"Looking even closer at the problem, beyond the impersonal superficiality of the statistics, we find many individuals who — although they possess the ability to achieve academically — are quitting school for the limited access to employment and an uncertain future created by their lack of education, wrote Barry Cowell, mentoring co-ordinator for the Niagara Peninsula Industry Education Council, in a letter introducing the mentoring project.

ONE-ON-ONE APPROACH

To address the dropout issue, the council has taken a one-on-one approach to mentorship.

The pilot phase of the project is being implemented in Kernahan Park Secondary, and Denis Morris High School in St. Catharines, Notre Dame College School in Welland and Westlane Secondary in Niagara Falls, one from each of the school boards in the peninsula, and will involve 40 mentor-protege relationships.

One volunteer from the community will be placed with an "at risk" student for these schools for about one hour a week in an attempt to alter attitudes concerning the relevance of education and assist the student in reaching their potential in school.

"Mentoring occurs in all walks of life but this is the first time this approach has been used to address the problems of at risk youth. Mentoring has proven to be one of the top two most effective strategies and the most effective drop out prevention strategy," Mr. Cowell wrote.

FEDS FUND IT

Funding for the program has been secured through the federally funded Stay in School Initiatives/START OPTION administered through the St. Catharines Canadian Employment Centre.

The stated objectives of the project are:

— Encourage student proteges to stay in school.

— Give students access to information about jobs and career opportunities they may never have exposure to otherwise.

— Help proteges acquire academic and social skills.

— Impress upon proteges the relevance of education in the workplace and in life in general.

— Provide proteges with an opportunity to establish a relationship of trust with an adult.

Business / Finance

Small store future looks grim Sunday shopping

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

A Welland corner store operator said Sunday shoppers account for 40 per cent of her business. Now, with the Niagara Region's malls open, Sunday shopping is back. The impact on business for the neighborhood store looks grim.

After years of debate, a vote at Regional council on Nov. 7 narrowly passed two bylaws. One allows Sunday opening for all retailers for a 2 ½-month trial period. The other allows four big area malls, including the Seaway Mall, to remain open year round on Sundays and statutory holidays.

Kathy Bender, manager of the Avondale store at the corner of Niagara and Elmview Streets, doesn't know what would be worse — the big malls or all retailers being open — but she knows one thing for sure: small, isolated corner stores like hers will suffer. Although she said it's too early to guess at the possible losses in exact dollar sums, she feels a figure of 40 per cent is not far off the mark.

"Sunday is by far our busiest day," she said.

"This is a neighborhood store. I depend on people in this area who have been coming here for years and years."

Support for Sunday shopping comes with the notion Welland retailers must be given the opportunity to fight cross-border shopping and compete with the American retailers, but Mrs. Bender has another view.

Negative impact

"I think the people who shop in the states will do so anyway, Sundays or any day. That's not what will hurt me," she said.

However, Mrs. Bender said she and other small store owners are more concerned with the negative impact to their businesses by Sunday mall openings. She said grocery sales account for a large portion of her Sunday sales, but now, with Seaway Mall stores open, she fears big losses.

"Many people will go to the mall for everything they need now. We can't exactly compete with the big grocery chains."

"We've gone many years with convenience stores known as the place to shop on Sundays . . . why should that change now," she exclaimed.

On the other hand, she said she is sure many of her regulars will remain loyal. "Plenty of my customers live nearby and like to walk to the store for what they need. Many are pensioners or people who don't drive."

An empty gesture tells the story. Kathy Bender's concern about Sunday sales losses at her corner store stem from new Sunday shopping laws.

Photo by Doug Morton

However, it seems certain small businesses can't prosper by the new shopping laws. A recent survey found a large majority of store owners and managers are against Sunday shopping, partly because the small business people can't affort the extra overhead costs created. For Mrs. Bender, the overhead comes in the form of too many expenses for too little business.

"I might have to cut back on staff and start putting in more hours myself," she said, stressing it would be the last choice — one that would not only be a strain and burden to herself but also a blow to employment in Welland. Mrs. Bender employs four people including her son, daughter and husband. She said the corner store won't make them rich, but, with the family working and living there, they'll get by.

The 2½-month trial run of wide-open Sunday shopping is designed to give Regional council, municipal councils and retailers a chance to view its impact for an extended period before rehashing the issue at Regional council next February. Mrs. Bender isn't guessing at the outcome of the seemingly endless talk by government on the subject, but she said small corner stores don't wield much power at Regional council.

"If people complain enough, they (council) may take the law back," she said, but added she won't hold her breath. The big management firms who own the malls — the ones who pressed hard to pass the bylaws — are 'the ones with all the power."

Although Mrs. Bender said she fears robbery every day, she said she is luckier than many others. "I think the store was held up before but not since I've operated it," she said. Because she and her family live in attached residences, the risk of break-in is lessened.

However, among the Avondale stores, Mrs. Bender said she "will hurt (financially) more than others" because her store is smaller than most.

Mrs. Bender said malls will take business away from her store, and she sympathizes with the variety store owners who don't have the benefit of being part of a chain like Avondale. Many of the independent owners will suffer financially on Sunday because they can't be as competitive as Avondale operators, she said.

In 2½ months, variety store operators may stand before Regional council complaining of 40 per cent business losses. While their complaints would surely not fall on deaf ears, who could imagine the thunder if it were shopping mall owners instead, voicing the same complaints?

Raffle to raise money for Vandenbelt van

By SANDRA GOLDEN
Staff Writer

The first-year students of Educational Resource and Special Needs (ERSN) program at Niagara College are selling tickets to raise money to buy a new van for Carl Vandenbelt, a former Niagara College student. Mr. Vandenbelt, 23, of Welland was in a car accident three years ago that left him disabled. Kathy Johnson, 23, a first-year ERSN student arranged the fund-raising drive.

"I talked to Carl's mom and we were talking about the different expenses that they have with Carl," she said, "which one the government will help with and which ones they won't and one of them they won't help with is the van. I guess they don't come by very cheap."

"There was a lot more to it than I thought there was when I started," she added. "I had to apply for the licence and I had to go before council. We had to get people to donate things."

Miss Johnson has known Mr. Vandenbelt since her high school days. She spends 90 minutes each Thursday with him as part of her program volunteer work. Mr. Vandenbelt can't operate a wheelchair yet nor talk. Miss Johnson said his condition is improving. She said he does have movement now.

"I talk," she said. "Just talk to him and make sure he stays awake and doesn't hurt himself. It's just outside stimulation so that the family gets a break and the staff gets a break." She said he can communicate using hand signs and he can read.

"I think the only difference with Carl is, he just doesn't talk," said Miss Johnson. "Other than that he's the same as everyone else. He's got the same feelings and the same thoughts."

Mr. Vandenbelt attended Niagara College in September 1987 in the Broadcast, Radio, and Television program.

He attended the college for one semester and was scheduled to return in September 1988 but the accident prevented this.

Tickets are $1, and are available in S103 or from any first-year ERSN student. Draw date is Dec. 16.

The first prize is a ticket for dinner for two at Minolta Towers in Niagara Falls, Ont. including limousine, champagne and flowers. The second prize is Sunday brunch for two at the Parkway Inn in St. Catharines, including wine, flowers, and a gift certificate. The third prize is dinner for two at Phase One in Welland including wine and flowers.

Grad gets Metcalfe award

Barbara Ann Bonfoco, a 1983 Niagara College graduate from the Nursing program, received the Jan Metcalfe Award from the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.

The $1,000 award is for studies in the bachelor of science in Nursing program at D'Youville College in Buffalo, N.Y.

Ms. Bonfoco is employed as a staff nurse at the Haldimand War Memorial Hospital in Dunnville, Ont.

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Christmas basket raffle for the Sally Ann

Niagara College Vocational students will hold a raffle for a Christmas basket the week of Dec. 2 to raise money and food donations for the Salvation Army.

Linda Parise, a support person for the class, said during the week the students will have tables in front of the Welland campus library in the mornings, near the cafeteria in the afternoons, and in After Hours after 3 p.m. The draw will be Dec. 6.

Students and faculty are asked to bring a canned good to exchange for a raffle ticket. Tickets may also be purchased at three for $1.

Mrs. Parise said the raffle is intended as encourage participation from the college population. She stated, "We are hoping this will give ideas to other programs" to hold similar fundraising events.

"Remember people who are less fortunate than us at Christmas...especially the children."

The Christmas basket, valued at $40, was donated by A&P Food

National success for local hobby magazine

By BARON BEDESKY
Staff Writer

St. Catharines resident Paul Fiocca has been involved in the publishing business since 1976. As the owner of Trajan Publishing, Mr. Fiocca is responsible for producing four monthly magazines including Canadian Sportscard Collector, Insight on Collectibles, Canadian Coin News, and Canadian Stamp News.

Canadian Sportscard Collector features columns, information, and advice on sports card collecting as well as price guides and plenty of advertising for the prospective buyer.

Like many children, Mr.Fiocca collected cards when he was young. "Who never flipped for a Bobby Hull," he asked referring to a popular game youngsters played not that long ago, in which cards were flipped against a wall in an effort to win your opponent's collection.

The Canadian Sportscard Collector was launched over a year ago in response to the growing popularity of card collecting. Mr. Fiocca claims coin dealers pushed him to create the new publication after many of them became involved in the more lucrative card market. Coin shows were increasingly dominated by baseball and then hockey cards.

There are many other magazines published in North America for card collectors but Mr. Fiocca believes his publication is the finest Canadian product on the market. "It's the only product that's gone out of its way to try and rekindle interest in some of the unique Canadian product that's been out over the years," he says.

The card magazine has quickly grown from 24 to 72 pages and boasts a circulation of over 22,000 across Canada. Mr. Fiocca is pleased if not a little amazed with its growth adding, "Considering the economic situation in the country and magazines in general, I'd say it's an enormous success. It seems to have taken off ... shot out of space."

Mr. Fiocca does express a note of caution over an apparent easing of spending in the hobby, referring to it as "new card fatigue." He believes the market may be saturated by the number of new cards available while the dollars available for spending in the hobby is finite.

Card collecting
There's big $$ to be made

By BARON BEDESKY
Staff Writer

By now it is no secret the hobby of sportscard collecting has experienced a tremendous surge in popularity. One of the primary reasons for this new-found enthusiasm has been the opportunity to make significant amounts of money over a short period of time.

At least a dozen hobby shops have opened in the Niagara region in the last two or three years. There are a multitude of other card dealers who conduct business in their spare time at card shows on weekends or through the mail. More children than ever before have become avid collectors. In some cases, a child's interest in cards has rekindled the long dormant card collecting instincts of their parents. It seems as if every retail store has cleared shelf space for sports cards.

Until last year, hockey card collectors could expect one set of cards depicting 250 to 400 players. It was easy to complete a set and relatively inexpensive. In 1990 however, three different manufacturers including the Upper Deck Co., Score, and Proset, joined long-time producer O-Pee-Chee in the marketplace. O-Pee-Chee's American affiliate, Topps Chewing Gum Inc., produced two sets as well, one under its own name and one under the Bowman flag. Collectors went wild trying to collect some 3,000 different cards at a considerably higher expense. It appears there will be even more product available in 1991.

Glenn Silverwood works as a supervisor at General Motors in St. Catharines. He also owns and operates Spooner's Sportscards in the Garden City. Like so many others in the hobby, he collected cards as a youngster, stopped for a long time, and then got back into it two years ago.

Mr. Silverwood believes the popularity of the hobby may have peaked as the market nears the saturation point. "(There's) definitely a noticeable slowdown from the hype of last year," he says. Mr.Silverwood said he believes the product will become available at a cheaper price as the people who are involved in the hobby strictly for monetary reasons fall by the wayside.

Carol McMackon, proprietor of Sportscards Etc. in Fonthill, Ont., is a graduate of Niagara College's two year Accounting program and has a strong business background. She became intrigued when her 14-year-old son Niles bought a pack of cards for one dollar and received four or five dollars worth of cards inside the pack. She happened to be looking for a retail venture at the time and after seeing the card market was very active, decided to open her shop.

However, she has reservations about successful growth and profits in the hobby's future. Ms. McMackon says the competition has increased as a lot of other people have had the same idea she did. She makes light of the cross-border shopping factor and claims, "lately, it's been tough."

While it is not apparent the bottom will fall out of the card market, there is evidence of a levelling off of both in the hype surrounding the hobby as well as potential for profits. There remain opportunities to make some money but chances are it will take more time and a greater effort as opposed to the short-term windfall profits that have been occurring.

Dropouts say YES to unique employment, training program

YES CANADA (Youth Employment Skills Canada Inc.) is dedicated to helping Canadians aged 16-24 who are not a part of the workforce. The program helps young people enter the mainstream toward full-time work or full-time education.

Gail Belchior, a program manager for YES CANADA, said many youths are dropouts who don't know where they are going. Some have even graduated from high school but 17 percent of high school graduates are deemed functionally illiterate and 24 percent of illiterate young people are unemployed, according to a survey by Southham Inc.

YES CANADA was developed in June 1986 by a group of concerned Canadians from the business community. In the spring of 1987 there were locations opened in St. Catharines, Winnipeg, Halifax and Vancouver

12-WEEK PROGRAM

The duration of the program is 12 weeks and consists of five comprehensive and interdependent components: computer-managed academic upgrading, pre-employment training, job readiness, life and survival skills, motivational training, and job development.

The program has a patented computer-based learning system called Pathfinder that will allow a student to learn and organize at their own pace. The Pathfinder provides several things, including individualized instruction, self-paced instruction, complete lesson preparation and automated test generation and scoring.

YES CANADA is unique from other employment and training programs because it offers continuing support and resources after the program is completed, Ms. Belchior said. YESCA (YES Canada Career Association) is a club that is set up like a student council for youths who have completed the program. Through YESCA, associates are eligible to earn certificates and awards for their efforts in leadership, academic achievement, pre-employment training and overall performance.

The program has a high success rate. About 1,500 people have participated in the program and 86 percent of those have entered full-time school or full-time work, Ms. Belchior said. Although no financial subsidy is given to youths the program is free and will help with things like transportation.

YES CANADA is financed by the private sector and Employment and Immigration Canada.

The office serving the Niagara Region is on the third floor at 55 King St. St. Catharines. The phone number is (416) 641-0937.

Improve your heart
Volunteer

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

The Niagara Falls chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario is calling on Niagara College volunteers for future fundraising events.

Valerie Brunet, human resources chairperson for the Niagara Falls chapter, is asking area students and faculty to donate time and energy to a cause which fights "Canada's number one killer."

Why volunteer? There are several reasons.

¢ Even though heart disease and stroke are leading health enemies, the national foundation has helped lower the death rate by cardiovascular disease by 34 per cent in the last decade.

¢ You will meet people working in areas of fundraising, public education, publicity, and administration. There are 65,000 volunteers provincewide.

¢ You will be given on-the-job training and support while developing new interests and skills. Volunteer work looks good on a resume.

¢ You will gain personal satisfaction in finding a role for yourself, tailored to your talents.

The Niagara Falls chapter, chartered in 1982, is in need of 85 volunteers for several projects.

The largest number needed is door-to-door canvassers, 55, and area captains, 12, for February. Chairpersons are needed for special events, campaigns, promotions and raffles, as well as people for the human resources and special events committees. The vice-president's position has not been filled.

On the agenda for 1992 are the Rose Box campaign, the person-to-person canvassing, and a Valentine's dinner dance.

All events will occur in February. The rose boxes, placed in area banks and businesses, will be monitored weekly by volunteers. Volunteers can work individually on the canvassing throughout the month.

The dinner dance is a new event with proceeds going to the Niagara Falls chapter. Mrs. Brunet said she hopes the dance will become an annual affair. The chapter needs volunteers to sell tickets for a Christmas surprise raffle.

The funds raised will fund research and educational programs to reduce the risk of death and disability from heart disease and strokes.

Mrs. Brunet said the chapters in the region are extremely important. The national percentage of people at risk is 43 per cent. In the Niagara region the figure is 47 per cent.

Anyone interested in volunteering or seeking more information can contact Mrs. Brunet at 374-2414.

At last
Mack Centre eats well

Niagara College students at the Mack Nursing Education Centre in St. Catharines are finally getting delicious and healthy food without having to go outside the building for it.

Peter Van Helsdingen, a third-year hotel and restaurant administration student at Niagara College, has been preparing hot and cold dishes for the last four weeks and selling them to the students.

Mr. Van Helsdingen owns and operates Home Style Catering in Niagara Falls and is finishing his studies at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre.

The Mack Nursing Education Centre doesn't have a cafeteria. Students were able to buy lunch only from a vending machine or go outside the building to get it.

"Students are at a disadvantage with no cafeteria and no one wants to leave the building for lunch with winter coming," said Dorothy Doyle, a counsellor with Student Services.

She added students were the ones who asked for the service.

For one day a week, always Monday, sandwiches, muffins, salads, juice, pop and one hot dish are available for purchase.

"Response has been average," said Mr. Van Helsdingen.

If the trial period is successful, food service will be provided daily.

Coloring at college?

Second-year interior design student Pat Lam displays her designing expertice using markers, while hard at work in a design laboratory on the second floor of the Simcoe building, Welland campus.

Photo by Michelle Siewert

The 1991 Niagara College United Way campaign ended Friday, Nov. 8 with a tree planting ceremony on the college's Welland campus grounds. Pictured from left: Don Papple, professor of horticulture in St. Catharines; Sophie Aggelontis, environmental co-ordinator; Jon Ogryzlo, chairman of the United Way for Niagara College; and Carol Boettcher, vice-president of human resources and student life.

Photo by Lisa Weiss

$24,165 raised in United Way campaign

Contributions up by 25%

Niagara College raised a total of $24,165 for the 1991 United Way six-week campaign which ended Friday, Nov. 8 with a tree planting ceremony on the Welland campus grounds near First Avenue and Woodlawn Road.

"We had 25 per cent more contributed to the United Way this year," said Jon Orgryzlo, chairman of the United Way for Niagara College. "Our financial goal of $23,000 was surpassed, and four people donated $500 or more and were given the title 'leader of the way'."

This was the first year events were created to get college students involved. There was an Earthball competition on Oct. 23 that raised $220, and United Greenway on Nov. 8 that raised $225.

"For the Greenway ceremonies, we planted eight trees on the college grounds that were donated by seven different nurseries," Mr. Orgryzlo said.

The contributing nurseries were Bakker & Sons Ltd. from St. Catharines, Mori Nurseries from Fonthill, Niagara Nurseries from St. Catharines, Alpine Nurseries from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Greentouch Trees from Welland, Greenwood Nurseries from Niagara Falls, Ont. and Hasselman Nuseries from Ridgeway.

"The trees were planted by the Niagara College horticultural students from St. Catharines," Mr. Orgryzlo said. "We are very pleased with the students' efficiency and their results."

Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources, came out to represent and support the college in the first annual tree planting ceremony and said she was very excited to be a part of the days event.

"The United Way and the agencies supported by it are very important to our community," she said. "To be able to combine support for the United Way and the planting of trees on our campus, is very exciting."

NDP might abolish grants

The student grant program within the Ontario Student Assistance Program may be slated for extinction by the Ontario New Democratic Party government.

In an excerpt from Hansard, the official minutes of the legislature, Hans Daigeler, MPP of Nepean, said he has been informed of "a group right now working in the Treasury to turn OSAP into a loans-only program." He asked that this be confirmed or denied by the Minister of Colleges and Universities Richard Allen.

There was no answer forthcoming from the minister, except, as recorded in Hansard, the minisrty was "attempting to face the whole question of funding in the system . . . looking at a whole range of options in order to improve access and get more students studying better at better universities in Ontario."

In a press release, the Ontario Federation of Students said "the education system is already underfunded" and were highly critical of the plan.

Little is known of what is under discussion. Elaine Spark, financial aid officer of Niagara College, will attend a provincial association meeting in Toronto next week to ascertain what the outlook will be for students. She emphasized there was "absolutely no information from the ministry right now."

Government figures state 62,579 students received grants totalling $176.4-million in the 1990-91 fiscal year.

DYEWitness solution to assaults

By ABIGAIL KELLY
Staff Writer

In the next six minutes a woman, somewhere in Canada, will be raped. It is a traumatic experience that could alter her life dramatically. Chances are, her attacker will never be apprehended.

Marina Butler of Greater Fort Erie, provides women in the Niagara region with a way to identify their attacker and, quite possibly, a way to protect themselves.

Mrs. Butler sells DYEWitness - a foam which, when sprayed on skin, leaves a green stain for up to seven days.

Former Guelph, Ont. police officer James McCreary was frustrated at being unable to place a suspect at a crime scene 80 per cent of the time, Mrs. Butler said. He spent seven years researching and eventually developed a non-toxic, indelible dye approved by the American Food and Drug Administration. The dye, which foams on impact, will leave a green stain on skin and hair for seven days. However, very oily skin or the prolonged use of harsh cleaners prevent total absorption of the dye. The foam soaks through clothing and will not cause any irritation or injury. Green was chosen because it cannot be associated with any skin color.

It is safely stored under 70 lbs of pressure in a one-piece container. The container is small enough to fit in a pocket or purse and can be held securely.

Mrs. Butler, 30, said she became interested in DYEWitness after she overheard several police officers discussing it. She contacted Pure Life, the distributor of DYEWitness, in Burnaby, B.C. and established a mail order service. The product has been available for 2½-months and Mrs. Butler received her first shipment three weeks ago. Since then, she has filled 24 orders. The product sells for $51; students and seniors receive a discount of $2. "Personally I will be donating money to the Rape Crisis Centre in Fort Erie," she said.

DYEWitness was developed as a criminal identifier, but the foaming action serves as a personal protection.

Tests were conducted by Mr. McCreary who played the role of the assailant, Mrs.Butler said. After he was sprayed in the the face, she said, his first feeling was panic. He retreated seven or eight steps from the victim. His vision was obscured and breathing was difficult. He used both hands to clear the foam away, thus losing his grip on the victim. It was between 30 to 60 seconds later when Mr. McCreary could see clearly enough to realize the victim had fled.

Mrs. Butler said she has not tested DYEWitness yet, but will demonstrate it at the County Fair Mall in Fort Erie on Dec. 3.

Although there are no reports of DYEWitness enabling police to arrest a suspect in Canada, Mrs. Butler said it has proven itself in New York City. A woman used DYEWitness during a protential sexual assault and escaped the attacker. Twenty-four hours later the perpetrator was arrested, she said.

The police are pleased with the product but "unfortunately restricted by law not to endorse it," she said.

Mrs. Butler said DYEWitness is more effective than other means of protection available. Compared to devices like whistles, it is easily accessible and "your first instinct is to fire," she said. There is also a tendency to freeze when initially attacked, making it difficult to blow a whistle.

DYEWitness will automatically foam, covering the entire face - even if aim was off and the attacker was hit on the side of the head.

However, DYEWitness is intended for emergency use and, if used maliciously, assault charges could be laid, she said.

Mrs. Butler said she remembers her mother always made sure she had "pepper in her pocket" for protection. Today, in addition to carrying DYEWitness in her purse, she walks close to curbs, carries her keys between her fingers and has installed deadbolts on all her doors.

"It gets scarier as you get older. When you're married you're not as cocky as you were when you were single," she said.

Mrs. Butler is the manager of Manpower Temporary Services in Fort Erie. She lives in Crystal Beach with her husband, Ron and her two-year-old son, Ron Jr.

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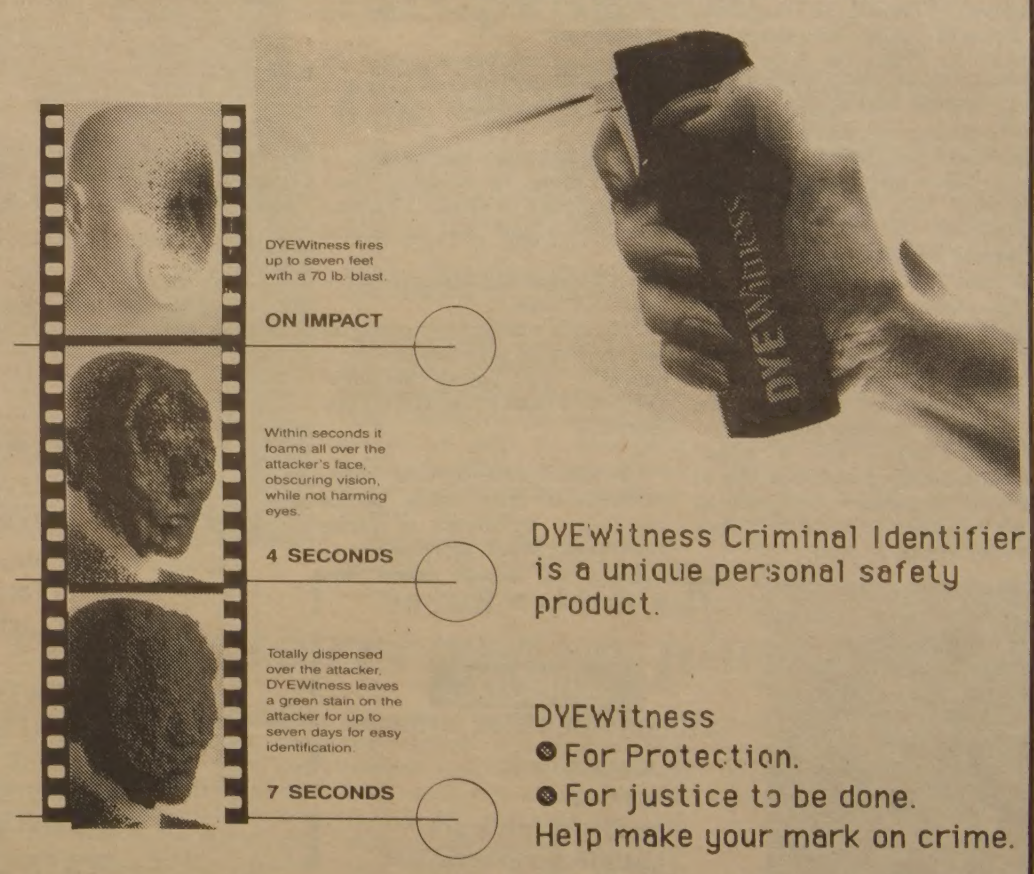
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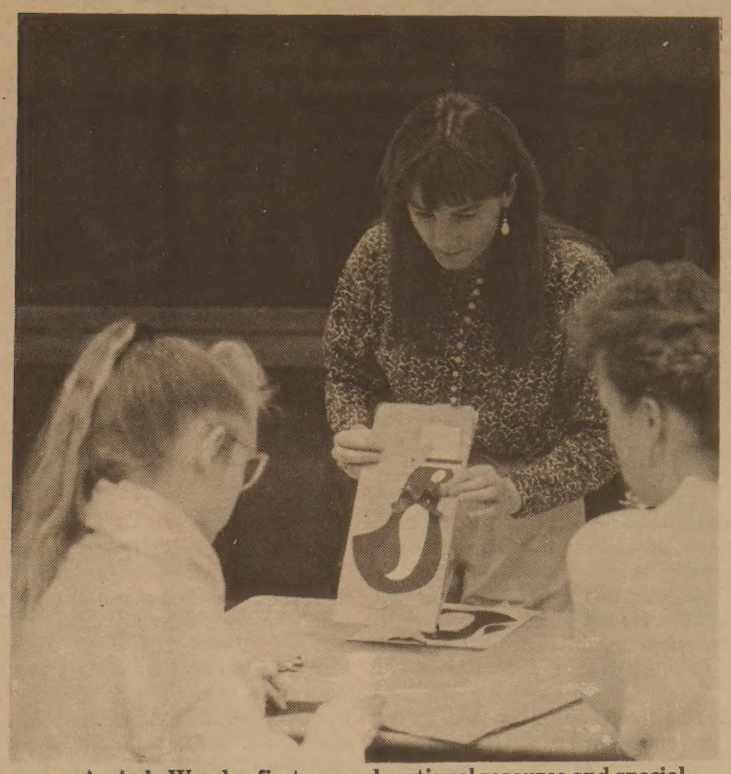
Students demonstrate and instruct on craft night: Big Sisters' benefit



Aminda Wood, a first-year educational resource and special needs student, demonstrates crafts at Big Sisters craft night Nov. 14 at Welland's Centennial Secondary School.
Photo by Sandra Golden

The Big Sisters Association of Welland, Pelham and Port Colborne had its annual craft night Nov. 14, at Centennial Secondary School in Welland. Ten Niagara College Educational Resources and Special Needs first-year students demonstrated crafts and instructed the children.

"They have done the whole thing," said Lois Lees, a recreation committee member and director on the board for Big Sisters Association of Ontario. "All I did was call them and say, would you do it. They made a number of crafts and then they invited me over to make a selection. We decided on the age groups, what would be best for the kids. They went ahead and did all the patterning and got all the materials, purchased everything and arrived tonight. All I did was organize the booths."

Judy Fleming, a first-year student, co-ordinated events. She said the children involved were aged six to 14.

"They all came around 7 p.m. and around 8:30 p.m. we had a snack," said Mrs. Fleming. "It's a nice evening out for everybody."

She added most of the work was involved before the actual event. "There is cutting of the crafts and everything that has to go out," she said. "There's more work beforehand than when you actually have the event." She said it took one or two hours daily for a week to do all the evening's crafts.

Three different crafts were set up for the evening on an alternating basis so the girls and their big sisters could be involved in all three. The students were busy demonstrating how to do the crafts and giving individual instructions to the girls.

The Big Sister's craft night is an annual event for first-year ERSN students.

Days done at Niagara

Niagara College held its first pub night in September, 1971. Pub nights were every two weeks on Thursdays in the cafeteria. Beer was sold at three for $1. A band cost between $60 and $70. On a good night the Student Administrative Council made $50 profit.

In 1971, Bachman, Turner, Overdrive and The Stampeders performed at Niagara College in the cafeteria.

Halloween at Niagara, 1967, pranksters stole the seats of 21 toilets, leaving them on the roof of the school.

Niagara College's first chairman of the Board of Governors was Ivan D. Buchanan, former mayor of St. Catharines.

Drug Awareness Week kicked-off last Monday

Drug Awareness Week, from Nov. 18 to Nov. 22, began with a large kick-off ceremony Monday morning at Regional Niagara headquarters in Thorold.

This is the sixth year for the drug awareness campaign in Niagara. The theme this year is Believe in Yourself, Be Drug Free.

Roberta Craine, who disguises herself as Willie the Hug Bear, received the Community Achievement Award. The award is given to the person who has given great time and effort for the anti-drug cause, and who has gone that extra mile. Mrs. Craine has been costumed as the Addiction Research Foundation's mascot for the past five years.

She travels across the Niagara region, where she appears at schools, shopping malls, work places and sporting events.

"Try hugs not drugs" is the message of the hug bear.

Mrs. Craine has a great understanding of addiction, due to personal experience. She grew up with addicted parents and married an alcoholic man.

Her husband, Bill Craine, has been sober for almost 10 years and was the scheduled master of ceremonies at Monday's event.

Carmella De Flumeri presented Mrs. Craine with her award and received a big hug.

Dr. Don Kelly was the guest speaker at the opening ceremonies.

"A large number of people are living healthier lives and have quit cigarette smoking," said Dr. Kelly.

He added more information is being offered to students from Kindergarten to Grade 13 about drug abuse and how to receive help.

Workshops and seminars were held this week.

"There is a drug fight going on and the community needs to be a part of it," said Norma Medulin of Women's Detox at the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

She said in order to reinforce the message of drug abuse, people must get involved in Drug Awareness Week activities.

China delegation

Tony Backler, Niagara College's director of technology, demonstrated robotics machinery to a tour group from China who arrived on Oct. 18.

From left to right, Wang Renming, principal, Wang Wenzhan (team leader), deputy director of vocational education, Sun Yuan Min, senior lecturer, Hou Ding Yong, deputy chief, projects.
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Safety committee needs volunteers for inspections

Volunteers, who are employees of Niagara College and would like to get involved in making the college a safer environment for all who attend, are needed to form sub-committees for the Health and Safety committee of Niagara College.

The sub-committees would be required to inspect the college on a monthly basis for unsafe acts, items, and hazards, and submit a written report to the Health and Safety Committee.

"We need more volunteers for the sub-committees," Mal Woodhouse, manager of Occupational Health and Safety at Niagara College, said. "The volunteers will be involved in inspections of facilities depending on their area of interest. If they want to be assigned inspection of the area they work at, they will be."

The job is voluntary, and year 'round except for July and August. If any employees of Niagara College are interested in becoming part of the Health and Safety sub-committee, they may contact Mal Woodhouse at the St. Catharines campus at 684-4315, ext. 2401.

Frosh keepers Jocelyne Cook, Loretta Shore, Karen Schmous, Fay Travers, Dalice Gidney and Angela Howard raise a leg over the excellent job they've done as mentors to first-year business administration students.

Photo by Diana Harris

Frosh keepers guide 1st years

The frosh keepers from the Business Administration Program at the Welland campus are keeping busy. In addition to their academic work, the frosh keepers act as mentors for the first-year business administration students.

Dalice Gidney, 20, a second-year marketing student answers a lot of questions from first-year students. "I believe what I do (frosh keeper) is helpful to the students."

Another 20-year-old marketing student, Karen Schmous, believes the frosh keepers are helpful to the first-year students. "It is a good program and I feel it should be continued."

Debra Gilmore, Business Administration co-ordinator, is pleased with the success of the frosh keepers and extends a personal thank you on behalf of the first-year business administration students.

College Security Committee invites suggestions

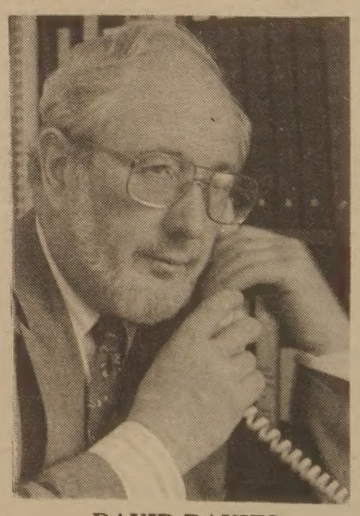
Niagara College students and faculty who have concerns or suggestions on security and safety may contact the newly-constituted College Security Committee.

The first meeting was on Nov. 1 where issues on security, safety, as well as recommendations from the Task Force on Violence were discussed.

Concerns and suggestions may be brought to the following members' attention, Bette Ferguson, ext. 7783, Bob Lavoie, St. Catharines student, Sam Vani, Hospitality and Tourism student, Kim Veltri, student at the Mackenzie Centre, Mal Woodhouse, ext. 2401, or Chris Smith, student at the Welland campus.

The next committee meeting will be held on Nov. 22.

Niagara director assists Hungarians with Commerce and Hospitality program



DAVID DAVIES

David Davies, director of Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre, has returned from Hungary, where, with members of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC), he assisted with the introduction of advisory committees in the College of Commerce and Hospitality in Budapest.

"We basically went to assist in three ways: to provide assistance in developing their guidelines for their Commerce and Hospitality Centre, to help in developing policies for advisory committees, and to prepare outlines on the activities," he said.

The advisory committees were designed "to educate students wishing to work in the commerce and hospitality industries," said Mr. Davies.

"The colleges in Hungary have very high academic standards," said Mr. Davies, who continued to praise the academic excellence and discipline he observed during the two weeks spent at the college in Hungary.

Although Mr. Davies could not say when the proposed changes to the overseas college would take place, he said he is "very optimistic" about the future and says he believes it is only "a matter of time" before the commerce and hospitality industry in Hungary is as organized and as efficient as it is in the western hemisphere.

Libyan student determined to succeed at the college

It's a long way from Libya, but Adel Mabrouk is determined to succeed living in Welland and attending Niagara College.

Mr. Mabrouk, 25, has been in Canada for two years. He took English as a Second Language at Brock University his first year in Canada. Mr. Mabrouk's brother graduated two years ago from the Computer Engineering program at Niagara College and suggested the college to him. He took his brother's advice and started English as a Second Language and a math course last September. Mr. Mabrouk said he is looking forward to starting a four-year Electrical Engineering course in January.

Compared to Brock University, he finds Niagara College a comfortable environment. "I like it. It feels more (like) home," he said. He said he appreciates his professor's open-door policies where he can express his ideas and concerns toward school.

This Christmas Mr. Mabrouk's family is visiting him from Libya. His mother has never seen snow before and is looking forward to the visit, he said.

Walt Disney World visits college to recruit employees

By ARMANDO BARBARITO
Staff Writer

Two representatives from Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. visited Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre, in an effort to recruit future employees, on Nov. 7.

Sue Sharp, of international staffing and Walter Rutledge, supervisor of world attractions, have travelled coast to coast in an effort to recruit students to represent Canada in The World Showcase at the Epcot Centre.

The hour-long presentation outlined Walt Disney World's history from its opening in 1955 to its future attraction, "Your Disney", scheduled to open April 12, 1992.

Also dealt with were the rules and regulations that must be obeyed to prolong employment as a Walt Disney World cultural representative.

DRESS CODES

Most of the rules include dress codes, and criteria on make-up, hair length and length of nails for females and males.

"Although these rules seem very strict, what you've all got to remember is that Disney is an entertainment company and we basically want to maintain a certain image," said Miss Sharp, who attributes the strict regulations to the Walt Disney philosophy of what a family-orientated amusement park should be like.

The pay offered is low. Students are required to work a minimum of 30 hours a week at the rate of $5.35 per hour for merchandise and attractions positions and $5.55 per hour for food and beverage positions. Although the rate of pay increases to $5.55 per hour for merchandise and attractions positions after six months, there is no increase in the food and beverage positions. Students will not receive a pay over $5.55 per hour during the year — regardless of their job positions.

"We are basically looking at a worst case scenario ... the economic reality in working at Walt Disney World is not to make money, but to break even," said Miss Sharp in response to the budget set up for the students.

TIGHT BUDGETS

The students will earn $160 a week. Twenty-one of their dollars will go to the United States government which leaves $139. If the student is sharing a three bedroom apartment, he or she will have to pay $59 a week for rent, leaving $80 per week for food, entertainment and savings. A student sharing a two bedroom apartment will have to pay $70 a week for rent, leaving $69 per week for food, entertainment and savings.

One student, who asked not to be identified, compared working at Walt Disney World, based on the presentation, to working at McDonald's — lots of work, little pay. She further commented she would not seek employment at Walt Disney World because of its low paying jobs and strict guidelines.

"In there not being public transportation to speak of in Central Florida, where Walt Disney World is located, students are expected to find their own means of transportation," said Miss Sharp. At $69 to $80 per week to cover food, entertainment and other necessities, travelling Florida for entertainment purposes is "unlikely". Miss Sharp mentioned a rent increase is likely within the next few weeks.

Although rules and regulations are strict, and the pay poor, Miss Sharp and Mr. Rutledge both said the learning experience makes up for it.

For more information, write to: Walt Disney World Co., International Staffing, P.O. Box 10,090, Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830-0090.

Students enter computer age

Reams of paper in the past

Reams of paper displaying news for the Broadcasting Radio, Television and Film program students will be ending as new computers are in and teachers and students have begun adapting.

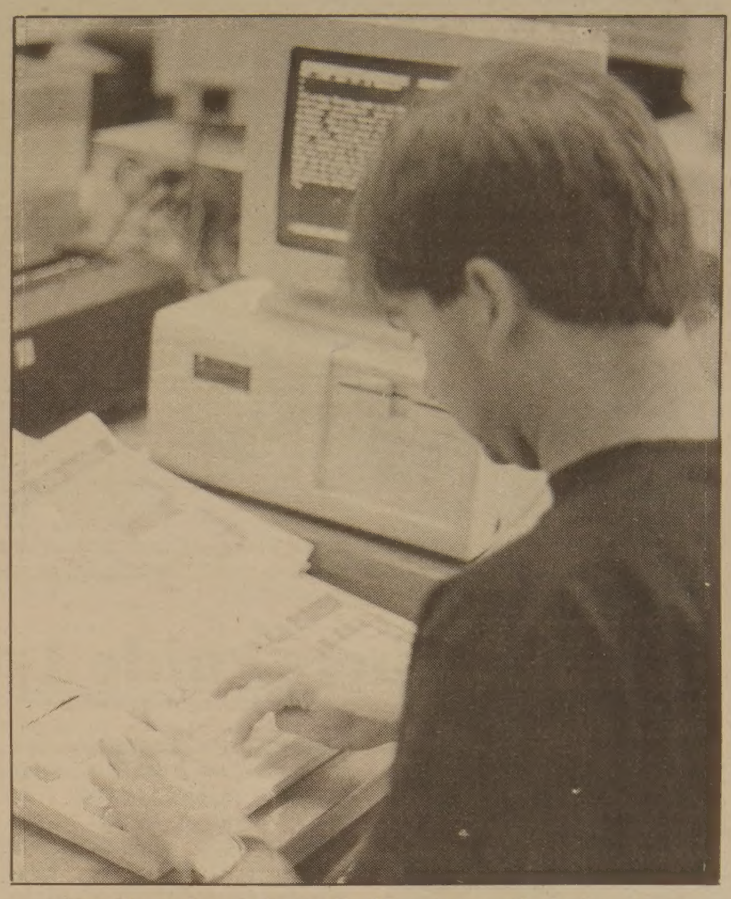
The computers have a split screen with one half of printing and the other with electronic news gathering inserts from the Media Comp. The computer times the story in seconds based on the average read.

"We don't even know all the things it can do yet," Stu Black, co-ordinator BRTVF, said. "It'll be great."

Last Friday, Mr. Black, Brian Green and Bob Johnson, BRTVF instructors, began their own learning experiences with the computers. The marketing information services employees are instructing the teachers to enable them to, in turn, instruct their students. Mr. Black said he believes, "The only way you learn is to get in there and get your hands dirty and play with it. That's what we're doing." They also had a learning session last Monday.

Prior to the new computers, the students were hooked up to the college's VAX computer network. Mr. Black said he believes it will be a "treat" to work on the new computers.

Mr. Black, just returned from his year sabbatical, said "We've now caught up to where we should be."



Practice makes perfect, or in this case, practice makes practice. Brian Neufeld, second-year broadcasting student, is experimenting with one of the Broadcasting, Radio, Television, and Film department's new computers. Instructors in this department are now being taught how to operate the computers and cannot yet show the students how to work them. However, that does not stop Mr. Neufeld. He's determined to learn it on his own. Photo by Lynn Drapeau

Co-op openhouse enlightens faculty

The Co-op Education department of Niagara College, in conjunction with the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education (CAFCE), held an open house to inform faculty of the extent of services and facilities.

The open house took place Nov. 4 during the second annual National Co-Operative Education Week, held from Nov. 3 to Nov. 9.

The Tecumseh extension, which houses the co-op department, was set up with a display table, filled with brochures, and information pertaining to the 18 co-operative programs offered. A 30-second promotional video, produced by CAFCE, was shown, and refreshments, consisting of coffee and cookies, were offered to the many visitors.

"It was a drop-in type of atmosphere," Michelle Pugh, career liaison officer, said. "We had approximately 45 to 50 staff turn out."

Mrs. Pugh and the other co-op staff members were pleased with the turn-out. She said it was important to let everyone know about the facilities available.

"Some people don't even know where this area is. There is a whole lot of stuff we wanted the staff to come down and find out about."

One of the attractions was a draw for a dinner for two at the college's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. The winner was Sandra Martin, test administrator/counselling assistant.

"The display was tastefully done, with color, and nicely organized. The information was relevant to the programs and to their services," she said.

Any instructors wanting to know more about the co-op jobs their students were placed in were asked to leave their names with Rosemary Cawthorn, manager, co-operative education and career services, and arrangements would be made to visit the workplace and talk to both students and employers.

"Sometimes they're shocked at the responsibility a student is given. They think it's a half-day high school thing, and it's full time, for four to eight months," Mrs. Pugh said.

Mrs. Pugh said the co-operative department staff are available anytime for all faculty interested in learning about the co-op department and facilities it occupies.

"The open house definitely increased the visibility of the co-op department," she said. "Many people that did come down were surprised about the indepth work that needs to be done with co-op students, and the resources we have available to assist those students."

November: Diabetes month

By SHERI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

November is diabetes month.

Sue Wilson, a graduate of the Fashion Arts program at Niagara College, is the corporate chairperson for the annual appeal for the Canadian Diabetes Association. She has diabetes.

Over 60,000 people annually are diagnosed with diabetes. An estimated 1.2 million Canadians suffer from diabetes and half of them don't know they have it.

Mrs. Wilson stated there are two kinds of diabetes: Type one (Juvenile Diabetes), and Type two (Adult Onset Diabetes).

Type one affects those between the ages of zero and 40. Some of the symptoms of Type one are rapid weight loss, frequent urination, excessive thirst, and blurred vision. Diabetes is also hereditary.

Type two (Adult Onset Diabetes) affects those over 40, and has most of the same symptoms of Juvenile Diabetes, but it is usually longer occurring. There are a few variations in Type two. Women who have babies over nine pounds in weight are more prone to acquire diabetes, along with those who are overweight and/or live in very stressful environments. Diabetes is often found in these individuals one to two years after the stressful period.

There is a third type of diabetes, unnamed as yet, discovered among Canadian natives. Extensive research is being done on native lifestyles, food and genetic breakdowns.

Mrs. Wilson added, "by the year 2000, one member of every family will have diabetes, knowingly or unknowingly."

Eighty per cent of the diabetic population can be treated with diet, pancreotic stimulators, insulin pills. The other 20 per cent require daily injections of insulin.

A glucometer, a machine the size of a cigarette package that measures the glucose level in the blood, can be purchased for as little as $49. However, Mrs. Wilson said there is one problem with the glucometer. Insurance agencies will not cover the purchase cost unless the diabetic person is insulin dependent.

The Canadian Diabetes Association offers camps for children with diabetes. Support groups are offered throughout Canada and the region. Doctors and nurses will perform routine checks for the glucose levels through urinalysis and blood samples on everyone. If diabetes is detected early enough, it can be controlled, but it doesn't always exempt the diagnosed from further problems, which include blindness, kidney failures and other serious illnesses.

"Insulin in not a cure," said Mrs. Wilson, "but we feel that we are extremely close. It is just a matter of getting research money."

The Educational Resources and Special Needs program at Niagara College is involved in the door-to-door canvasssing.

"This year we have an enthusiastic group," said Mrs. Wilson, adding "there are 19 canvassing this year, up from nine we had last year."

"Our sincerest thanks go out to those who participate in our canvassing and to those who sponsor the Canadian Diabetes Association, especially the ERSN students at Niagara College," added Mrs. Wilson.

If anyone is interested in canvassing this month, setting up a fundraiser throughout the year, joining the association, or being a volunteer, please phone the Canadian Diabetes Association in St. Catharines, 646-4843.

St. Nick arriving early

Santa arrives early at the St. Catharines Wellandvale campus to deliver some special surprises to students' children.

The annual Christmas party for children of students enrolled in adult training programs at various college campuses is on Dec. 15 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Wellandvale campus cafeteria.

The event, which has taken place for 15 years is sponsored by the Student Senate. Each year the Senate spends about $3,000 to purchase gifts and organize activities at the party for children up to 12 years old.

Senate President Paul Wallace said there will be music, videos, face painting, a clown and a magician to entertain the guests. Morris Bosey, staff adviser and head of the counselling department for all campuses, will play the guitar and lead the Christmas carol singalong.

A visit from a special Santa, St. Catharines Mayor Joe McCaffrey, is the highlight of the afternoon.

Mr. Bosey said 260 children have already been registered. Eligible students are requested to register their children before Dec. 2 at a cost of $1 per child. For more information, contact a class representative or the Senate executive at the Wellandvale campus.

The Senate purchases the gifts at wholesale prices by children's sex and age group from Party Packagers in Toronto. The presents arrive prewrapped.

With the help of Mr. Bosey, Mr. Wallace said the Senate are finalizing plans for the party. "We (the Senate) have put in a lot of hours organizing the party...we're looking forward to a great time."

Mount Carmel

Graduation ceremony approaching

A graduation will be held Dec. 20 for the students of the Health Care Aide program at Mount Carmel.

This program is offered full and part-time and each will be issuing certificates to its graduating students.

Twenty-seven students are in the full-time program and 21 in part-time.

The ceremony will be held at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre at ll a.m. in the lecture room.

In attendance will be members of Niagara Peninsula Industry Education Council, sponsor of the full-time program.

A luncheon will be held following in the dining room until l p.m.

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Mack Nursing Centre's election upcoming

Election time is approaching for students at the Niagara College's Mack Nursing Education Centre in St. Catharines.

Students will be electing new members of SMAC (Students of the Mack Administrative Centre) on Dec. 2 and Dec. 6.

Positions to be filled are president, vice-president, treasurer, and recording/corresponding secretary.

Notices for nominations have been posted. Campaigning will run from Nov. 25 to Nov. 29.

All first-, second- and third-year students may vote.

The third-year nursing students are planning their annual pinning banquet. A tentative date of Jan. 10 has been set. SMAC members will present the pins to students going into their pre-graduation period.

New furniture was purchased for the student lounge from donations from students and the College Board.

Entertainment

Maritime entertainer at Niagara

One-on-one with Lambert

By JOEL NAPHIN
Staff Writer

Comedian/musician Bob Lambert played to a small but receptive audience at After Hours at Niagara College's Welland campus on Wednesday, Nov. 13 leaving smiles on everyone's face when he packed up to leave at the end of his gig.

Currently on tour across Canada, Mr. Lambert made a stop at Niagara College to play a show that combined music and comedy, cover songs and originals. He is his only band member. He plays guitar and harmonica.

The show, just over an hour long, was one to be remembered for some time. Throughout most of the show, the audience sang along to many of the songs. Playing songs from such artists as Neil Young, Paul Simon, Bob Seger, and Don Maclean — just to name a few — Mr. Lambert played a few originals including *Let's Talk Dirty In Hawaiian*, and a Christmas song called *Two Little Kids Who Never Got What They Wanted For Christmas.*

Prior to the show, Mr. Lambert was interviewed by Niagara News. The following is part of that interview.

JOEL: To start off, will you please tell me a bit about yourself?

LAMBERT: I'm originally from St. John's, Newfoundland. I moved to Halifax seven years ago. I originally got into music by leaving hockey. I was a hockey player before I ever became a musician. I've been playing now for 15 years and that's all I pretty well do.

JOEL: How did you get into music?

LAMBERT: I've always wanted to get into music, even when I played hockey. I mean, I could play guitar a little tiny bit, you know, your basic three to four chords like everybody could play. It was only when I decided to write it full-time that I started punching the hours in and doing the work to get to where I am now.

JOEL: And how did the comedy get into the music?

LAMBERT: I have no idea. It's just part of the personality and I love doing fun stuff like that. I've got a sense of humor, so I think that just comes with it.

JOEL: When you do a show, is it more music than comedy or more comedy than music?

LAMBERT: All depends on how long the show is, what type of an audience I have, what kind of mood I'm in, what kind of feedback I'm getting. A lot of variables.

JOEL: What is the general feedback when you play?

LAMBERT: The feedback when I play colleges and universities has been really great. Most places I play I fill the venues . . . I've gotten a lot of bookings from a lot of colleges across Canada and people would like to have me back again.

JOEL: You have two albums out right now.

LAMBERT: Yes. The third one will be out the first of December. It's a live album. It's a solo album . . . to be called Lambert Live. It was recorded in Halifax at the Lowerdeck.

JOEL: How did sales and responses go with the first two?

LAMBERT: The first album (*Knobby's Lament*, November 1979) was my very first one, my solo album, sold about 5,000 copies locally. *Aliens from the Granite Planet* (September 1988), which I did with my partner Fabian James, we were Lambert and James, that sold, in Canada, about 25,000 copies.

JOEL: Are you pleased with the way things are going?

LAMBERT: Yes. I would like to be a lot richer (laughs). I'm doing okay.

JOEL: How long is the tour you're currently on? When did you start and how long will it go for?

LAMBERT: I started this tour in September and it's over the 23rd of November, this leg of it.

JOEL: And when do you start up again?

LAMBERT: Twenty-first of January, I think through the middle of March. I'm not really sure of the exact dates.

JOEL: A lot of songs you sing, do you write them yourself?

LAMBERT: On this particular leg of the trip, no. There's only four or five I do, originals. But next year when the serious album comes out I'll be doing all the songs from the album. So it'll probably be one-third of my own material, unless I decide to come up with a band.

JOEL: What do you write about mainly?

LAMBERT: Good times, about good times. Having good times with people, and some friends and some personal relationships. Not really much on social commentary. Although, I just finished writing a tune about the fact that in Newfoundland we don't have trains in Newfoundland anymore. So I wrote a tune about that. It's called *The Wheels Don't Roll Anymore*. I just finished writing another one called *Country Lady* which the record company thinks is going to be a hit.

JOEL: How do people in your home town respond to you?

LAMBERT: Huge. Huge following. I can draw 1,500 people a night there at Memorial University. I can sell out. Any of the venues that I do in Newfoundland pretty well sell out. But I don't play there that often. I play there once a year. So it's a big thing going there. I have a huge following.

Bob Lambert gave Niagara College students a taste of his comedy and music at After Hours on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Photo by Joel Naphin

JOEL: When you play there, is it just you playing, or is it a part of some celebration with others on the venue?

LAMBERT: It all depends on what they're trying to do . . . an artist, for instance, like Kim Mitchell, who couldn't sell a lot of tickets in Newfoundland (September 1985 at Memorial University) for whatever reason and they stuck me on the bill and both nights sold out . . . probably more people came to see me than Kim. Kim Mitchell is Kim Mitchell. I'm sitting on another category than Kim Mitchell . . . but that's just the way it is, I mean, there are artists that draw in certain venues and they go to other places and they can't draw as well. So, in your home territory, places that people know ya, you play there a lot, you develop a following.

JOEL:Who else have you played with, other than Kim Mitchell? Any other big names?

LAMBERT: Oh yeah. Chris deBurgh, Dionne Warwick, The Parachute Club, Beach Boys, The Everly Brothers, Blue Rodeo and Air Supply.

JOEL: Do you ever get to meet these people and talk to them?

LAMBERT: Yeah, sometimes. Sometimes I get into conversations. Sometimes I go out drinking with them. I have good friends that are huge in the business.

JOEL: What's your greatest memory?

LAMBERT: Montreal Forum. Playing in front of 12,000 people and getting a standing ovation. As an opening act, nobody knew who we were.

JOEL: Who did you open for?

LAMBERT: Air Supply (1983). Jose Feliciano is good to work with. John Denver is a very nice guy. A whole wack of them. Jon Bon Jovi is nice, a very nice person. The nicest time I had was when I was backstage at Maple Leaf Gardens when I was invited down to meet Eric Clapton and Mark Knopfler. That was quite a thrill for me. Subsequently, the boys invited me to Hamilton and we went out to dinner and stuff. That was nice.

Movie reviews

Fisher King unrealistic?

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

The Fisher King has delighted many movie goers over the past few weeks, as box office receipts place it as the number one grossing film three weeks in a row.

The film pairs a vigorous Robin Williams, as Parry, a deranged, harmless bum from the streets of New york, with Jeff Bridges, as Jack Lucas, an arrogant radio celebrity (he seems meant for the part) whose brashness towards a listener incites a mass murder-suicide in a posh downtown club.

Jack is reduced to bitter self-exile, brought down from high rise to first-floor apartment above a video store. Here he meets Parry, whose aspirations include not money or possessions, but the pursuit of true love and a quest for the Holy Grail. Williams brings us his vision of a medieval red knight who pursues him, and imaginary conversations with little fat people.

When Jack discovers that Parry's state has been caused by the death of his wife (she was one of the murder victims), he tries to ease his own guilt by matching Parry with the plain office girl Lydia (Amanda Plummer), but he must perform a more selfless act to free himself and Parry from the past. He must recover the Holy Grail.

The film revolves around the tale of the Fisher King, whose message is a goal of selflessness linked to the quest for the Holy Grail. Parry believes it is the being held by a millionaire in a downtown condominium.

Unrealistic? Add the antics of Parry's friends, including a rambunctious transvestite, an unusual midnight adventure in Central Park, and Parry's lessons in self-defence and song for his fellow bums, and you have a very unrealistic, but highly entertaining way to spend an evening.

Parry's positive vision of humanity emerges in vision of Grand Central Station commuters partnered in ballroom dancing at rush hour, or the chorus of bums spontaneously singing "I Like New York in June" at Parry's bidding.

However, these positive aspects are overshadowed by the overdone swearing and the brutal events of the shooting. One finds foul language and four letter words in adundance in every scene to the point of distraction.

However, the film is meant to show us that even in today's selfish and violent world, there are methods of escape, and there are still selfless people. So the ending is a little too happy-would we want it any other way?

Black Robe a 'must-see'

By MICHELLE SIEWERT
Staff Writer

A Jesuit priest, accompanied by his French translator, takes a 1,500 mile canoe trip with Algonquin Indians in Quebec during the 17th century. It may sound like an uninspiring story, but much to the contrary, this film proved to be fascinating.

Black Robe is an epic adventure. The script was adopted from the 1985 best-seller by Brian Moore. The story recounts the fictional story of a young French Jesuit missionary in the New World. His mission is to 'save' the barbaric Indians who have no concept of Christianity. The film is probably not for the highly religious since it questions the idea of God at every turn.

The priest, Father Laforgue, is continually questioned by the members of his journey. He relentlessly clings to his faith in the face of despair. He is betrayed by his Algonquin comrades, he is labelled a demon by a shaman dwarf and seriously doubted by his translator. To make matters worse, he is tortured by the Iroquois who consider him a joke.

Perhaps the hardest part of the story to understand is his unshakeable faith even when almost pushed over the edge of sanity. He is spiritually tormented throughout the film and yet the actor, Lothaire Bluteau, seems unsympathetic towards the character he plays. Unfeeling would be the most accurate way to describe his performance at times.

The violence in the film doesn't last long, but you can't miss it. It is raw and, therefore, difficult to digest. However, it does serve a purpose in making the viewer understand the hate between the Iroquois and the Algonquins. People with a revulsion toward violence may swallow hard during those scenes since the rest of the film is well worth seeing.

Black Robe is a depressing, yet adventurous story about man's constant struggle with spiritualism. It is not a movie Hollywood would love, because it is realistic. It received 10 Genie nominations including best picture. It gives a stupendous portrait of the Canadian landscape while telling of the common struggle between the white man and the natives.

Definitely a must-see.

Sports

Niagara Knight Tracy Suenaga is seen setting the volleyball as Nicole Grenier, No. 12, watches play in the Niagara College women's volleyball match Nov. 14 against the visiting Redeemer College Royals, of Hamilton. Niagara defeated Redeemer three games to one in the best-of-five wins match played at the Welland campus gymnasium.

Photo by Kari Chwieczak

Knights women's volleyball team loses two close games

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

Serving is the key element in the unsuccessful fortunes of the Niagara College women's volleyball team.

In their past two Ontario Colleges Athletic Association games, serving has been less than perfect.

The women's team played host to Lambton College Nov. 16 in a best-of-five wins match that saw Lambton ride over Niagara in five games.

"It's our serving that killed us," Niagara Coach Judy Halaiko said. "In the fifth game, we missed nine serves in a row, which I consider very uncalled-for errors."

In the first game, Niagara took a commanding 10-2 lead, but poor serving caused Lambton to pull close at 10-7. Niagara's blocking improved, resulting in a 15-7 win.

Game two saw Niagara fail to connect serves as Lambton won the game 15-11.

Niagara took a 3-0 lead in the third game and won by a 15-2 score.

The fourth and fifth games weren't as successful for the home team. Niagara faced a 9-3 deficit in the second last match, and a powerful Lambton offence silenced Niagara as they won 15-7 to force the tie-breaker.

In the deciding game, Niagara's offence kept them within reach of a victory, but their serves were not accurate. Lambton claimed the victory as they won 15-13.

"We're just not clicking," Coach Halaiko said. "We really have to work on our serving and blocking."

Nov. 14 saw Niagara defeat the visiting Redeemer College team three games to one. Niagara battled back from a 5-1 deficit to tie the score at 11 all. Good blocking and fast footwork saw Niagara win 16-14.

In Game two, a powerful Redeemer team went ahead 10-5. Niagara battled back to tie the score at 14, but saw the visiting team win a close match 17-16.

Niagara trailed 6-2 in the third game, but took command of the game and won 15-7.

In the final game, Redeemer went ahead 5-0, until an intense Niagara team kicked in and tied the score at nine, and later won the match 15-12.

"We played well in those games," coach Halaiko said. "We were down in almost every game, but we bounced back.

"I tried playing a lot of the girls, and it showed me how deep the bench is."

Niagara will next see action in a two-day cross-over tournament Nov. 22 and 23 at Redeemer College in Ancaster. Their next home game will be Nov. 28 when Conestoga College is in town for a 7:30 p.m. start.

Men's volleyball team beats Grizzlies, Royals, loses to Huskies

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

For a young, inexperienced team, the Niagara College men's volleyball squad is turning a few heads.

Niagara travelled to Georgian College Tuesday night and was successful in defeating the Grizzlies three games to two in a best-of-five wins.

The first game saw Niagara jump ahead 9-1, but mental errors and a lack of blocking and defence gave Georgian the momentum to win 15-12.

Niagara took a 4-0 lead in the next game, but inconsistency by the setters hurt the team and caused another upsetting loss, 15-7.

Niagara collected nine straight points to win the third game by a score of 15-8.

The fourth game started slowly for Niagara as Georgian went ahead 9-1. Niagara's blocking, digging, and passing resulted in a stronger offence that tied the game nine all. Niagara won the game 15-14.

In the fifth game, for rally points, Niagara contained the Georgian offence to capture the win, and the match, 15-12.

Offensively, Fernando Colavecchia had 14 kills, Jim Konrad had nine, and Rob Addy had seven. Addy was outstanding in setting and blocking, and had 12 stuffed blocks, while Greg Heyder had nine and Todd Johnston had six.

Marc Laneuville came off the Niagara bench for captain Johnston and was successful in attaining five kills in seven attempts.

DOWN REDEEMER

Niagara was successful in defeating the visiting Redeemer College Royals three games to one in a best-of-five match Nov. 14.

A flat-footed Niagara offence created ample opportunity for Redeemer to win the first game 10-15. Niagara's Colavecchia picked up five of eight kills in the first game.

The second game saw Niagara improve with key hits by Heyder and Addy. Power Konrad was outstanding in the back court. Niagara took an early 7-3 lead and exploded with seven straight points to win the game 15-6.

Niagara gave up a 5-3 lead in the third game, only to bounce back from 5-10 and 8-13 deficits to win by a score of 15-13. Johnston led the team with his spike serves and accurate hitting in this game. Addy added five spikes, while Colavecchia had three.

The fourth and final game saw the Knights fight back from a 4-11 setback to win the game and the match 15-13. Johnston again was top player as he smashed six kills in 10 attempts, and added three more points with his spike serve. Heyder had four kills and Konrad had two.

HUSKIES WIN

Niagara was defeated by the George Brown Huskies Nov. 6 in five games in a best three-of-five match.

The powerful Huskies back court diggers frustrated Niagara as they dug up the spikes to keep the ball in play.

The Huskies gained early leads in all five games, but Niagara won the first game 16-14.

In the second game, Niagara lost 12-15, and the third game saw the Knights fall behind 3-10, but fought back to defeat the Huskies 15-11 to take a 2-1 games lead.

Mental errors and inconsistent play cost Niagara a loss in the fourth match by a 15-7 score to force a fifth and deciding game.

Game five saw the Huskies take a commanding 5-11 lead, but Niagara was quick to tie the score at 13. Niagara ran out of wind towards the end of the match and the Huskies defeated Niagara 15-13.

Basketball team wins first game

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team won its first game of the season on Nov. 13, by beating Redeemer College of Hamilton, 66-48, setting their season's record at 1-1.

Rick Sinclair scored 10 points for the Knights during the first half. Other Knights scorers include Paul Weller, 6; Scott Currie, 5; Brady Fitzgerald, 4; and Merv Wrighton, 2. The Knights finished the half with a two point lead of 29-27.

Weller took control of the second half and gave the Knights the lead for the rest of the game. He scored a high 22 points and brought his game point total to 28 points.

The rest of the team combined for a total of 19 points. Point scorers included Wrighton, 8; Sinclair, 6; Cam Bell, 2; Currie, 2; and Fitzgerald, 1.

The next home game for the team will be Friday, Nov. 29 at Welland Campus gym at 7 p.m.

The Niagara College men's basketball team was unsuccessful in attaining their first win of the season, against the Loyalist College Lancers Nov. 9 at the Welland campus gymnasium. A strong Loyalist team overpowered the Knights 103-91 in the opener.

Photo by Kari Chwieczak

Penn State trip downfall for Knights

Hockey team loses 9-2

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights usually beat the Penn State Icers at Penn State. This time, the Knights lost not by one or two goals but by seven. On Friday, Nov. 8, the Knights were handed their first loss of the season, 9-2.

Travelling to Penn State University on the bus, all the players said the same thing, "We'll beat Penn State." Chris Karpinchick said "as long as we play Canadian hockey, we'll do all right." One thing they all agreed on was that the crowd plays a big part in the game and the team had to go out and quiet them down right away.

Somewhere between the emotional speech given to the players by Coach Fred Bassi and stepping on to Penn State's ice, the real Knights were snatched and replaced with poor imitations of hockey players.

As the team skated onto the ice, the crowd of over 1,000 booed loudly. If that wasn't intimidating enough, imagine having two men dressed up as gorillas yelling at you.

The Icers came out hitting in the first period and were penalized first. At 5:29, the Icers scored their first goal. Icers' Don Lamison put the puck into the net past Knights goalie Mike Ticknovich. Three Knight penalties and one Icer penalty later, the Icers scored their second goal of the period. Dave Murphy of the Icers scored at 17:12 and ended the scoring for both teams.

BOOS TRAIL THEM

As the Knights left the ice trailing 2-0, they were again greeted with boos.

The second period started with the same booing and jeering crowd. Whether inspired by their crowd or the fact that the Knights were playing badly, the Icers scored just 51 seconds into the period.

The slashing and roughing started at 2:44 and at 3:30; the Icers' scored their fourth goal of the game.

John Savarie, of the Knights, took a delay of game penalty 17 seconds later, and what would have been an Icer power-play goal at 4:15 was disallowed.

After some Knight highsticking and Icers roughing, another Icers' goal was scored.

With 1:38 left in the second period, the Knights started playing rough. At one point, with three Icers' on one Knight, goalie Ticknovich got involved. As Ticknovich pounded the Icers' player, the referees seemed to lose control. Both coaches yelled to get the players apart on the ice and to make sure the players sitting on the bench stayed there.

As the fighting progressed, the crowd got louder and louder. Eventually the referees gained control of the game, and terminated the period. Slowly the Icers' made their way off the ice. The home towm fans cheered Penn State all the way to the dressing rooms. When the Knights approached, it was a different story. Some fans jeered the Knights, questioned Fred Bassi's methods of coaching, questioned the team's ability and made other comments.

When the teams came back onto the ice for the third period, the extra time was added on to the clock.

In spite of all the fighting, both teams came up even. Savarie was given two minutes for roughing, five minutes for fighting, and a game disqualification. Ticknovich was given five minutes for fighting and a game misconduct. Icers' penalties included Chris Cervellero, two minutes for fighting, and Dave Murphy, two fighting majors totalling 10 minutes, one game misconduct, and one game disqualification.

With Rob Wylde now in goal for the Knights, it took the Icers just 27 seconds to score.

Finally, at 2:48 of the third period, the Knights briefly came alive and scored a goal. Rob Lebedick's goal was unassisted as he gave the Knights their first score of the game.

The rough play started again, only this time the Knights would be left short-handed. At 5:17, Jim Thorpe received two minutes for holding, two for roughing, and a 10-minute misconduct.

The Knights scored their second and final goal by Rick Ryan from Simon Wayda at 9:54.

Thirty-eight seconds later both teams were again penalized for crosschecking and highsticking.

Another power-play goal by the Icers came on a Knight penalty for slashing.

Six Knight penalties later, the Icers' scored their eighth goal of the game, their fifth power-play goal of the game. With just 1:52 left in the third period, the Icers' scored their final goal of the game.

Icers' coach Joe Battista said after the game that this win was the biggest win on home ice ever. He felt that Niagara is a better team, however; his team had just been beaten by St. Bonaventure and Canisius in close games, and was better prepared for Niagara.

Coach Bassi of Niagara was disappointed by his team's play, but said they will just have to regroup before the next game against Conestoga.

The next home game for the Knights will be on Saturday, Nov. 23, against the University of Buffalo.

Where is everyone?

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

The most popular sport among students at Niagara College would have to be hockey. The Niagara Knights, in the International Collegiate Hockey League, raise many eyebrows with students and instructors alike.

Last year, the Knights reigned victorious in defeating the Penn State Nittany Lion Icers in the championship finals at Conestoga College, in Kitchener. Players like Rob Scriven, Rob Hoath and Jeff Mazi were well liked by everyone and easily picked out in the hallways.

So why is it only a handful of fans come out to cheer the Knights on at their games? On a scale from one to 10, student apathy at Niagara College ranks a double digit in all intercollegiate sports.

Many students argue the reason is due to a lack of publicity throughout the college in advertising the events, while others complain school, work, and social activities restrict free time.

Dawn Bright, Business Administration program student, said a lack of time prevents her from attending any events, "but I know about the different teams. I'd go see the hockey team play if I could."

Compared to other schools in the region, including Brock University and high schools such as Notre Dame, Stamford, and Denis Morris, Niagara's school spirit is below average. At a recent men's and women's volleyball match, more fans were present for the visiting team than for the home squad.

In addition, admission to Niagara College's sports is free. It is a shame when our own national sport cannot draw a good crowd at the turnstiles. Check out the bulletin boards around the college for dates and times of these events and come out to support your school.

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Niagara's health sciences centre scheduled to open in three years

St. Catharines would be site

By MARILYN WALKINGTON
Staff Writer

A health sciences centre incorporating all Niagara College's programs in those fields will be two to three years away college Vice-President of Academics David Schleich says.

He said he is "keeping the visions and dreams clear, but it is all specualtion at this point."

He has hopes of "reorganizing (health) programs to be closer together, but it won't happen until the new centre in St. Catharines is built." The incorporation of all the health sciences under one title and in one area "would be called Health Sciences and Allied Health Sciences, but it may not happen for two to three years."

"We hope to create a centre of excellence in health sciences where Mack's Nursing program and the Ambulance and Emergency Care, Health Care Aid, the Dental Assistant programs, and other allied health programs would be able to share their resources."

"It's a grand idea," Donna Cunningham, director of nursing at the Mack Centre, said. "We are all in the same business of providing health to this area. It's a marvelous idea to share guest speakers," and any other teaching aids. "When we enter the new centre in St. Catharines, the rest will fall into place."

There has been "a target of 1992 for the Dental Hygiene program but we are waiting for the board of govenors' approval and the appropriate finances." Mr. Schleich said. "I would love to be able to do it tomorrow."

Mr. Schleich said according to the Master Program Plan there is a lot of interest in the community. A large amount of money has been raised. "The support has been fabulous."

"We need the price of one submarine, $100-million, then we'd be able to achieve everything with $75,000 left over to buy (faculty computers)."

Mr. Schleich said he is investigating various avenues for advancing Niagara College and its programs.

Niagara ties Rombys at home

A solid defensive game left the Niagara Knights soccer team deadlocked in a 2-2 tie in their Nov. 19 game against Rombys Celtic.

Rombys Celtic had consecutive opportunities to score, but goaltender Dave Paladino, filling in for Adam Thomas who is in Florida, was fast on his feet.

Rombys Celtic went ahead 2-0, but second half goals by Remo Ianiero and Dan Giancola tied the score for the remainder of the game.

Outstanding players included Jim Thorpe and Joe Abbruscato, who shone for the defence.

Nov. 12 found Niagara battling with division rival Express in a game that again resulted in a tie, 1-1.

Express opened the scoring minutes into the first half. Niagara's offence was in full effect, but a speedy Express goaltender prevented Niagara from cracking the scoresheet.

"We missed a lot of chances offensively," Coach Ed Fox said. "We missed just by inches though."

Niagara, who play in the Mens B1 Division, tied the score at one mid-way through the second half on a flashy goal by Giancola.

Niagara goalie Adam Thomas had his best performance of the season to date, and was quick on his feet to stop a flood of Express shots in the remaining five minutes of the match.

Niagara's next game will be Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. when they will host Bosna. The game will be played at the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome.

Upcoming Sports Events

HOCKEY — Niagara will play two consecutive home games for the remainder of the month. The University of Buffalo is in town Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. Nov. 30 will bring Erie Community College to the Welland Main Arena for an 8 p.m. start. Niagara travels to Buffalo State Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., and an alumni game will be played Dec. 7 on home ice at 8 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL — Niagara will host Sault College Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. The team will then play two road games. Dec. 6 at Cambrian College for 7 p.m. and Dec. 7 at Sault College 1 p.m.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL — Niagara will travel to Canadore College Nov. 30. Other games will resume play after the Christmas break.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL — The women's team will be involved in a two-day cross-over tournament Nov. 22 and 23 at Redeemer College. Nov. 28 will bring Conestoga College to the Niagara gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

SOCCER — Niagara's men's soccer team will play Bosna Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. and Invaders Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. All games are played at the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome.

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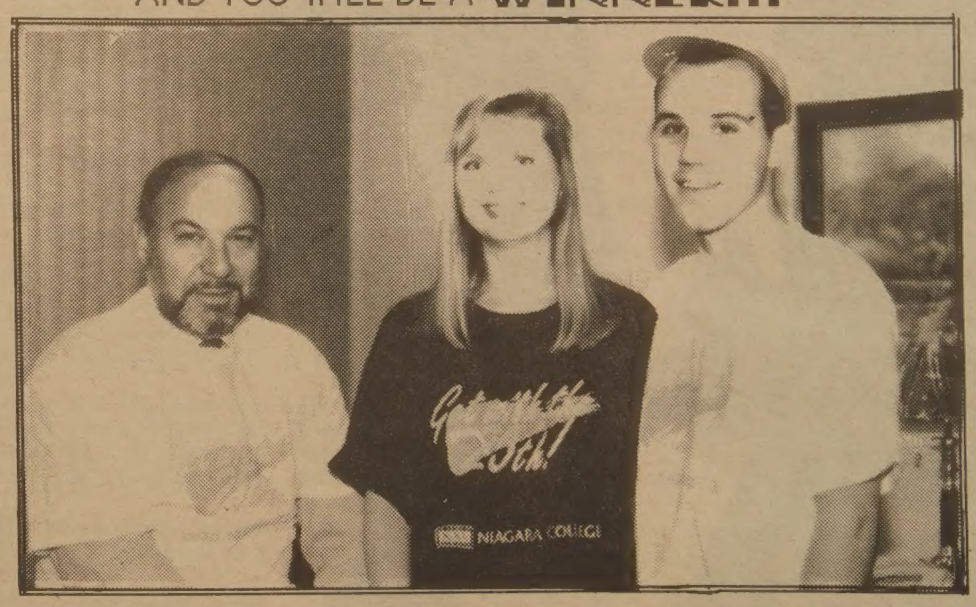

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